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Retiree bonuses could be out Friday

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After over four months of waiting, CNMI government retirees can expect to receive their bonuses as early as this Friday, May 6, according to Gov. Ralph DLG Torres.

In a brief comment from Torres during a media briefing last Friday, he said he has been in communication with Finance Secretary David Atalig, who has informed him that retiree bonuses should be released no later than this Friday.

"We are pushing hard. The secretary of Finance has been in communication with the CNMI Settlement Fund, and we are hoping to have that out no later than…Friday," Torres said.

The announcement came just one day after Torres officially signed House Bill 22-95 Senate Substitute 1, into law. The bill reprograms $2.6 million from government personnel lapse funding to subsi-

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PHILIPPINE ABSENTEE VOTING LEIGH GASES
Girlie Attao is seen writing down voter's information next to the ballot drop box at the Philippine Consulate General's outreach and mobile voting yesterday at the Sun Palace Hotel in Susupe.

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Philippine election: Volunteers back reformer vs dictator's son

Robredo

Marcos

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—One supporter wrote a stirring campaign song that has been played nearly 4 million times on Spotify. Other volunteers are barnstorming Philippine villages, going door-to-door to endorse Vice President Leni Robredo in next week's presidential election.

The stakes are high: If Robredo's opponent, Ferdinand Marcos Jr., clinches the presidency, as surveys suggest, it will mark a stunning reversal for a nation where millions poured out in 1986 to force out of the country a dictator and Marcos's father, whose legacy continues to shadow his son.

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'I haven't given up on HR 560'

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Sablan

Although there has been a strong push-back on Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan's (Ind-MP) H.R. 560 or the "Northern Mariana Islands Legal Residents Relief Act of 2021" in the U.S. Congress, Sablan says he has not lost hope and he will not give up on the legislation.

Sablan said in an interview that, although it has taken a while and it seems like there hasn't been any progress with H.R. 560, he wants to assure the CNMI community that he continues to fight for the measure and that he has not given

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COMMUNITY VULNERABILITY

LEGEND:
- **Red:** Least safe
- **Orange**
- **Yellow**
- **Blue**
- **Green:** Safest

Source: Office of the Governor

AAPI SPOTLIGHT

Meet Master Sgt. Nicole Adriano Cabrera

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-LACKLAND, Texas—May is Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month and we're celebrating the heritage month by recognizing several of our teammates across the Air Force Installation & Mission Support Center enterprise. Meet Master Sgt. Nicole Adriano Cabrera, readiness training manager with our Air Force Security Forces Center at JBSA.

During her more than 15 years in the Air Force, she's served in a myriad of positions within the security forces career field.

Here's more from Cabrera:

Question: How do you contribute to the lethality and readiness of the Air Force?

Answer: As Security Forces Regional Training Center manager, I serve over 38,000 active-duty, Guard and Reserve security forces members. I'm responsible for ensuring that airmen and guardians in the largest career

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CUC honors employees during Public Service Recognition Week

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Staff representatives of each Commonwealth Utilities Corp. division were recognized yesterday during the first day of Public Service Recognition Week, with CUC executive director Gary Camacho extending his appreciation "to all our staff and all the folks that work in the public services sector."

"I think it's important that what they do is recognized in all areas. ...And I think everybody's doing a great job [and] I truly appreciate everything that they have done in the past, do currently, and will do in the future. …At the end of the day, it's their voice that we need to hear. It's their efforts that we need to appreciate," he added.

The CUC representatives who were honored yesterday were Jubal Slayer, technical manager for oil; Anthony Dela Cruz, from Power Generation; Bernard Keremius, from the Water Division; Luke Changar, from the Water And Wastewater Division, Carol Chargalauf, from Human Resources; Kevin Tudela, customer service representative; Alvin King, resident manager of CUC Rota; and Evelyn B. Manglona, resident manager of CUC Tinian.

NORTHERN MARIANAS
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Tennis has been on every Pacific Games and Pacific Mini Games sports program since 2001, except for the 2013 Pacific Mini Games in Wallis and Futuna. As a compulsory sport in the main Pacific Games, Tennis normally attracts entries from around 15 of the 22 member countries. All eyes will be on the Northern Mariana Islands' own Colin Sinclair who dominated the competition at the 2019 Pacific Games in Samoa. New Caledonia, Samoa, Tonga, Vanuatu, Papua New Guinea, Cook Islands, Solomon Islands, and Tahiti have all won gold medals since 2001 so the competition will be fierce.
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Slayer

Jubal Slayer is the new technical manager for oil and has been with CUC for a month now. He works at Power Plant 1 but is responsible for oil in Power Plants 1, 2, and 4. His division currently has three staff. Slayer says his main duties "are overseeing testing of groundwater berms and making sure drainage is appropriate, incineration of any oil or oily rag type of issues for Power Plants 1, 2, and 4, and point of contact for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for Stipulated Order No. 2." "CUC is certainly committed to working with the EPA, and getting both Stipulated Orders 1 and 2 finished and sorted out," Slayer added. "We are certainly committed to the environment. And also we want to provide excellent customer service and care and services to the people."

Changar

Luke Changar is from the Water and Wastewater Division and has been with CUC for 14 years. There are about 20-plus staff for the division. Changar said "for our wastewater side, we have two sections, we have the collection system and then we have the treatment. For the collection systems, they are the one in charge of…[collecting] waste, and it convoys from lift stations to lift stations, all the way to the treatment plant facility. Then that's where we do the processing treatment." As a reminder to the public, Changar reminds people not to dispose of cooking oil in sinks or in restrooms as it clogs up sewer lines and drainage.

Tudela

Kevin Tudela is a customer service representative and has been with CUC for four years. Currently, there are four customer service representatives. "We have the first contact with the customer. When [people] are thinking of applying for power, we're the first person that they see when they come in," Tudela said. "It's an interesting job. We have all types of people coming in with all different types of inquiries that we have to know the answer to. … It demands a lot of knowledge to work down there. …That's where the day starts in CUC—customer service."

Anthony Dela Cruz is from the Power Generation Operations. He has been with CUC for 23 years. There are about 60 staff in the division. Dela Cruz said that they are "the unsung heroes, tucked away" in the heat and that they are there to "provide reliable power 24 hours." Dela Cruz said the division's staff are the "unsung heroes." "Pretty much they're tucked away, they're working with limited resources, and obsolete parts and we're giving it our best to prevent problems."

Dela Cruz

Keremius

Bernard Keremius is from the Water Division and has been with CUC for 18 years. There are about 42 staff in the division. Keremius said that he oversees the day-to-day running of water at CUC and "we provide the services from when it starts pumping water into the tank, going to the power lines and going to the consumers' tap. In our section, we have people… who take care of all the wells. We've got people repairing leaks, we've got people out there who are providing new meter installations. …We also have a chlorination crew that are there to make sure that adequate chlorine is provided to our customers to be able to deliver safe drinking water to our customers."

Chargalauf

Carol Chargalauf is a human resources generalist who has been with CUC for eight months. Chargalauf is focused on recruitment for CUC. "Whenever we have an opening, we try to fill those vacancies. I see the struggle of the Water Division, with Water and Wastewater, and Power, and I get the phone calls on what's the status of this JVA. …I think my job is probably the most boring of everybody because their jobs are the critical jobs. But, at the same time, I need to do my job to make sure that they are fully staffed to make sure that they can accomplish their missions and their goals."

King

Alvin King, who is the resident manager of Rota CUC, has been with CUC for over two years and is in charge of the Power and Water divisions on Rota. CUC Rota currently has 38 staff members. King said that with the recent pandemic, "we went through a lot of cost-cutting measures, but we managed to pull through. We've also made improvements on operations with the staff availability. Also, with the lockdown, our staff still managed to provide services to the community. King said he would like to "give thanks to the community…for their payments and congratulations to the staff for doing their best during the pandemic."

Manglona

Evelyn B. Manglona, who is resident manager of Tinian CUC, has been with CUC for 11 years and is responsible for power, water, and wastewater systems on Tinian. Manglona said, "We work as a team to provide service." Manglona also "thanked the CUC staff on Saipan and Tinian for their dedication, the management team for their continued support of Tinian, the board of directors, and especially the whole team."

CUC has lined up a full week of events from Monday, May 2, until Friday, May 6, as part of the celebration of Public Service Recognition Week.

Part of the week's culminating activity is the "PSRW Ceremony & Employee of the Year Awards and Lunch," which will recognize employees who have served 10 years or more as well as the department's Employees of the Year, the divisions' Employees of the Year and the Overall CUC Employee of the Year.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres designated last month the week of May 2-6, 2022, as Public Service Recognition Week to recognize the accomplishments and contributions of all the hardworking and deserving public employees of the CNMI government.

May is Marianas Tourism Month

May has been designated as Marianas Tourism Month in recognition of tourism's outsized role as the primary economic driver for the CNMI, comprising about three-fourths of the entire economy.

In a proclamation signing last Thursday, April 28, at the Office of the Governor's conference room on Capital Hill, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres called upon all the people in the CNMI to unite in observing this occasion, especially through supporting and enhancing the tourism industry, "and I invite residents and visitors alike to observe and support the activities planned in celebration of this month."

This comes as the CNMI's tourism industry slowly starts to recover from the devastation of the COVID-19 pandemic in the last two years. In fiscal year 2021, only about 5,000 total visitors came to the CNMI. So far this fiscal year, approximately 18,000 visitors have come to the CNMI, according to the Marianas Visitors Authority, largely due to the success of the MVA's Tourism Investment Resumption Plan—or TRIP—in cooperation with public and private partners.

Thursday's proclamation states: "Our 2022 Marianas Tourism Month theme is "The Future of Travel," looking at travel post-pandemic and beyond. Through the MVA's 10-year Strategic Plan Toward a Sustainable Tourism Industry, the future of travel includes a modern, sustainable, and successful tourism industry achieved through integrated resource planning and management. This includes jobs, a solid tax base, and a diverse customer base that provide a healthy level of profit for businesses, that promotes interisland travel, and opportu-

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Emergency water service interruption in San Vicente, Dandan Homestead, Naftan, Obyan

There will be an emergency water service interruption today, May 3, 2022, from 8:30am to 4:30pm for Commonwealth Utilities Corp. customers in San Vicente, Dandan Homestead, Naftan, and Obyan.

This is due to the isolation of a 12-inch mainline for water operators to perform an emergency leak repair located on Dandan Road near the former Pet Shop.

CUC is aware of an ongoing low-pressure condition for customers in the San Vicente, Dandan Homestead, Naftan, and Obyan areas; this repair is one aspect of returning normal service. CUC will be continuing to perform leak detection and leak repairs to help improve water pressure for the near future. Customers are advised to conserve water during this time. CUC also requests our customers' assistance in resolving the low-pressure situation by reporting suspected leaks to the CUC Hotline at (670) 236-4333.

As a long-term solution, CUC has begun the design phase for the replacement of all service laterals in the Dandan Homestead. This project will help reduce water loss in the area and improve the customers' water pressures.

For the safety of the men and women at the jobsite, proceed with caution or take alternative routes as the southbound lane will be closed for the duration of the leak repair. ***(CUC)***

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PCG caps 4-day consular outreach on Saipan

The Philippine Consulate General in Guam wrapped up its four-day consular outreach and mobile voting yesterday at the Sun Palace Hotel on Saipan.

The Filipino population on Saipan who were eligible to vote in the upcoming Philippine election were seen exercising their right all through the weekend, getting their absentee votes in for the Philippine national election and others getting their passports renewed. The Philippines will hold its national election on Monday, May 9.

One outreach volunteer, Girlie Attao, was seen working hard at the Sun Palace in Susupe. She said, "I am happy to help my *kababayans* [compatriots]. I know that being in another country is difficult but the Philippine consulate is here to help. And that's why I am a proud volunteer."

According to the Philippine Consulate General, there is no word yet on who will be the next honorary consul for Saipan. The last honorary consul, Glicerio Arago, recently passed away.

As for the next outreach on Saipan, it will be discussed after the election in the Philippines, and information about it will be released in due course.

Along with this, there is no scheduled time yet for an outreach for the islands of Rota and Tinian. ***(Leigh Gases)***

A ton of trash collected in Precinct 5

More than a ton of trash was collected in Kagman on Earth Day when the Rep. Leila Staffler (D-Saipan) and Rep. Richard Lizama (D-Saipan) conducted their third community trash drop-off last April 23.

This was the third time the Precinct 5 representatives partnered to provide centralized trash collection services for their constituents, and the turnout was so great that the dumpsters needed to be emptied twice.

"I thought it went very well. Now that we've done it three times, the word is really starting to get around," said Lizama. "It was great to see some familiar faces of our residents who continue to use the service. Even though the turnout is bigger each time, our team finds the event easier to coordinate."

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Rep. Leila Staffler (D-Saipan) takes a selfie with some of the Precinct 5 volunteers who helped with the Earth Day Trash Drop-Off on Saturday, April 23, 2022.

The trash drop-off received more than 2,400 lbs of typhoon debris, furniture, metal waste and appliances, but the most used dumpster was for household trash, which Staffler said demonstrated the need for universal trash collection.

"We know there are 5,000 households who do not have trash collection service and that accounts for the large volume of household trash we received. Kagman is one of the CNMI's largest residential areas. Providing this service goes a long way to improve the everyday lives of our residents who can now enjoy cleaner homes without the fuel expense that comes with making the trip to Marpi," Staffler said.

The Department of Public Works is developing plans for a future solid waste transfer station in the village of Kagman near the old quarry, and Staffler said the facility can't come soon enough.

"People are already asking when we're going to host the next trash collection event so we're going to try and schedule one more before the end of the year," she said.

For more information about future events in Precinct 5, call Staffler's office at (670) 664- 8892, via email at rep.staffler@gmail.com. ***(PR)***

CABRERA

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field in the Air Force receive the appropriate training to support combatant commanders worldwide.

Q: What do you enjoy most about being an airman?

A: Although there are many reasons, camaraderie and leading people are two things I enjoy most about being in the U.S. Air Force. I have met people who have turned into family throughout my time in the Air Force. I have served as flight chief to amazing airmen who took care of one another and made our deployments memorable.

Q: If you could share one thing about your Asian American, Pacific Islander heritage, what would it be?

A: To my surprise, 95% of the people I've come across in my military career have never heard of the island I am from. I would encourage people to Google the island of Tinian and learn just how critical it was to the War in the Pacific and in ending World War II. North Field, situated on the tiny island of Tinian, was the largest airfield in the world at the time.

Q: Why is it important to celebrate the history and heritage of every member of the AFIMSC team?

A: "Graduates of 2006, as you drive into your future remember to check your rearview mirror every so often so you don't forget where you came from and who you are. Laugh aloud at the mistakes you make, for these road bumps you come across will be the lessons you learn. … As you continue your journey through life." This was the last thing I said to my senior class as president during our graduation ceremony. I think this advice is fitting as to why it is important to celebrate the history and heritage of every member in the AFIMSC team.

The *Enola Gay*, piloted by Air Force Col. Paul Tibbets, was on Tinian, the island I grew up on. At the end of World War II, these islands in the Pacific region, which included Tinian, became U.S. territories. These historic events gave me the opportunity to serve in the world's greatest Air Force.

Q: What motivates and inspires you the most?

A: Taliana, my 13-year-old daughter, inspires me the most. Military children face unique challenges and deal with so much turbulence throughout their lives. However, through the plethora of military moves requiring her to start over and make new friends, she has gracefully embraced this lifestyle with such a humble heart and exhibits resiliency beyond her young age. I continue to make decisions and set goals to be a role model to her by showing her she can achieve whatever she puts her heart and mind to. ***(AFIMSC Public Affairs)***

RETIREE

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dize a retiree bonus of $1,000 for each CNMI government retiree.

Last Wednesday, H.B 22-95 Senate Substitute 1 gained a unanimous vote in favor of its passing, with 16 members of the House of Representatives voting "yes" and one abstention.

The most important amendment made to the bill that gained the support of the entire House of Representatives was the re-appropriation of funding from general fund personnel lapses instead of reprogramming funds from the Marianas Visitors Authority, Department of Finance, and the Office of the Governor.

Other amendments include the distribution of the retirement bonuses, and who holds the expenditure authority.

The Senate earlier passed the House bill with amendments back in April 18, with a unanimous 9-0 "yes" vote.

In an interview with Sen. Vinnie Sablan (R-Saipan), who led the amendment of the bill, he said the amendments were the product of the collaboration among his office, Atalig, and Senate finance specialist Dave Demapan.

He explained that the process of identifying an alternate source of funding was a tedious one and took several days to complete. However, now that it has been done, he hopes it's something the House and the Senate can agree on.

In a short statement from H.B. 22-95 author Rep. Donald Manglona (Ind-Rota), he said he is grateful that a resolution was finally reached after over four months.

"I'm very grateful to the Senate for looking at the appropriations we've made, the allocations we've made, and their inputs as to where funds should be allocated from," he said.

Manglona added that the bill is a product of both the House and the Senate.

"It's been a long time coming, but I'm happy that this is a product that both the House and the Senate agreed upon and came to a consensus on. We thank the retirees for their patience. I know, it's been mentioned since December but it's all a matter of ensuring that the transparency and accountability [are] there and ensuring that local funds are taken out from the right account in order to address the retiree bonuses," Manglona said.

IPI wants wrongful termination suit dismissed

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Imperial Pacific LLC has asked the U.S. District Court for the NMI to dismiss the wrongful termination and retaliation lawsuit filed against it by a former employee.

IPI, through its lawyer, Joey San Nicolas, denied the claims made by Rongkun Xiao and asked that the claims "be dismissed with prejudice and that [Xiao] take nothing from [IPI].

Xiao is suing IPI for alleged wrongful termination and retaliation under the American Disabilities Act. He filed the lawsuit back in February.

According to *Saipan Tribune* archives, Xiao, who was a construction engineer at IPI, claimed that a site severely injured his spine in November 2018, causing paralysis. He suffered a permanent disability and now relies on a wheelchair for mobility." Even with this, "Xiao remained willing and able to perform the essential functions of his job with IPI. In January 2020, Xiao requested accommodation from IPI based on the recommendation of his doctors, but IPI allegedly refused to provide any accommodation," according to his lawyer, Collin Thompson.

Instead, Thompson said, "IPI retaliated against Xiao because of his disability by offering him a take-it-or-leave-it demotion. The demotion included a reduced salary to less than half his previous pay. Xiao did not accept IPI's proposal. IPI then targeted Xiao for termination."

Then, on March 30, 2020, Xiao alleges that "in retaliation for his requested accommodation and/or because of his disability, IPI placed him on furlough, then hired an "able-bodied" person to take his job."

Xiao asked the court for a jury trial in his complaint and is seeking full back pay, benefits, and reinstatement to a position he would have obtained in the absence of discrimination or, in the alternative, front pay.

HR 560

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"I'm still I'm working on it. I've never let go of this since I started working on it. Nobody thought H.R. 559 was going to pass but look at that, it did and it helped almost 1,900 individuals. With this resolution, more individuals could benefit but unfortunately it hasn't passed the Congress yet and cannot be signed into law," he said.

Sablan explained that immigration is a difficult matter to discuss right now, but he continues to push for it with his congressional colleagues. However, at this point, he cannot predict how soon the resolution could pass Congress.

"Every time I get close to the finish line, I get a pushback. I'm not going to predict Congress on an immigration issue. Immigration is a really difficult issue in Congress right now. It is very partisan. Even though it is difficult, I am still working on it. I'm pushing for it, but bills of that nature do not go through regular order, they go through what we call suspension of the rules and, with that you need 280 votes to pass a bill in the House, or two thirds. Under regular order, you need 218," Sablan explained.

Currently, Sablan said, he has gained the support of the entire Democratic caucus, which would be about 220 votes in support of the resolution's passage.

Back in January 2021, Sablan re-introduced H.R. 560 which, if granted, would essentially grant permanent status to certain CNMI-only Transitional Workers and foreign investors who were originally admitted under Commonwealth immigration law.

In addition to making long-term workers and investors eligible for permanent residence in the Marianas, the new resolution gives those eligible for this permanent status under Public Law 116-24 another chance to apply and makes certain family members eligible too.

A longer version of this story is available at www. saipantribune.com

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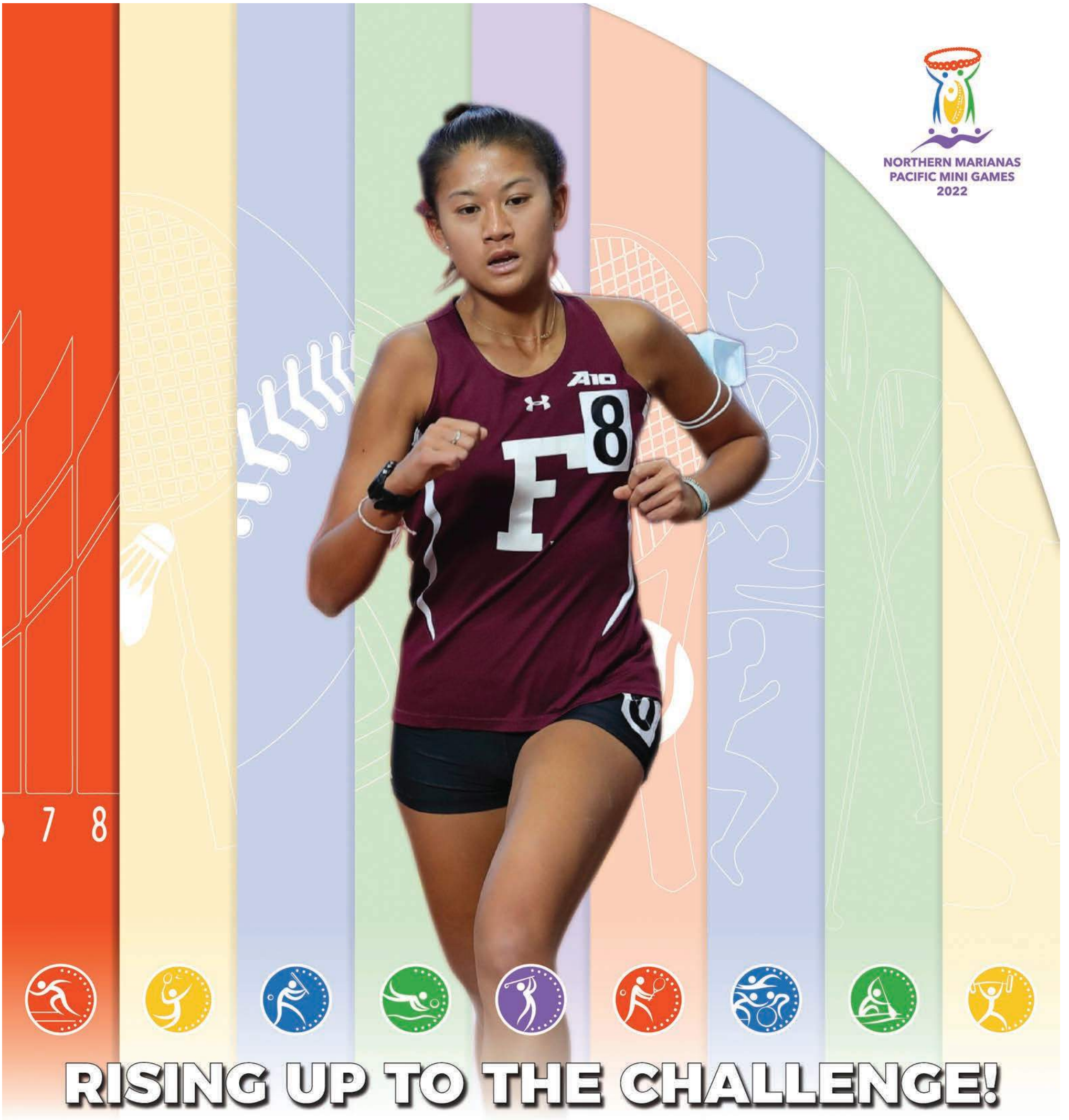
nities to enhance, preserve, and share the Marianas culture nationwide.

"The Marianas future of travel honors the heritage of the Chamorro and Carolinian people, including natural and cultural resources, by strengthening the relationship between the tourism industry and the Chamorro and Carolinian community and other activities. This includes taking the Hafa Adai and Tirow Pledge.

It said the Marianas future of travel develops tailored marketing efforts about the unique characteristics of Saipan, Tinian, Rota, and the Northern Islands; annual signature events, public outreach and education throughout the Marianas; equipping tour guides and agents with the right tools to best showcase the Marianas and its people; and "Safe Tourism" campaign that focus on preventing crime and other adversities, among other initiatives. ***(PR)***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Energy Star appliance rebate program launched anew

The CNMI Energy Division Office announced yesterday the launching of the CNMI – Energizing Insular Communities – Energy Efficient/Energy Star Appliance Rebate Program for the second year to assist interested residents in lowering their homes' energy use and cost of utilities by offering appliance rebate vouchers, as a financial incentive, to redeem at participating local vendors or retailers to receive an in-store instant rebate, for the replacement of old in-efficient appliances with qualified, Energy-Efficient/Energy Star rated products.

Due to funding limitations, the number of rebate vouchers are limited and will be available on a first- come first-served basis until funds run out for Saipan, Tinian, and Rota residents.

In consideration of the high rising cost of fuel and other financial hardships that might be affecting residents due to current existing economic conditions, the Division of Energy will be launching the program in a manner that lessens the need for residents to travel by vehicle numerous times, to reduce unnecessary and unwanted fuel costs, by allowing interested residents to reserve a program application and confirmation number, in advance, by contacting the Division of Energy Office and providing all the necessary program requirement information. Only one program application per household, is allowed for: one refrigerator; one clothes washer; and up to two room air-conditioners (window-type or split-type units).

Once complete information is obtained and verified, residents will be issued a confirmation number that is unique only to the caller, which must be presented, as proof, to visiting designated officials of the Division of Energy for verification to receive a program application for rebate vouchers. Confirmation numbers shall not be shared with any other person and shall only be presented by the holder. (Additional requirements or conditions may apply.)

- Please provide the following information:
- Full name on a valid government-issued ID
- Residential address (installation address)
- Contact number
- Commonwealth Utilities Corp. account number (installation address)
- If a tenant of a rental property, additional information will be required for verification.

Energy Office contact information:

- Maile H. Iakopo, program specialist, (670) 664-4480
- Vincent S. Attao, program manager, (670) 664-4482

The Division of Energy will begin accepting telephone calls from interested residents on Rota to reserve a program application for appliance rebate vouchers, as follows:

Island	Starting Date	Ending Date	Time
Rota	May 2, 2022	May 6, 2022	7:30am– 11:30am 12:30pm – 4:30pm

Furthermore, in order to issue rebate vouchers in a timely and most expeditious manner, the Division of Energy urges residents to obtain and make readily available for submission the information required to complete an application, as follows: *(Additional requirements or conditions may apply.)*

- Copy of valid government-issued ID
- A copy of the latest CUC billing
- Make and model number of existing old appliances to be replaced
- If a tenant of a rental property, a copy of the lease/rental agreement and Landlord and Tenant Certification (provided by Division of Energy)

Staff members of the Division of Energy will be on Rota to distribute program applications to residents with confirmation numbers for submission, and to process and issue appliance rebate vouchers, as follows:

Rota	Date	Time	Location
	May 11	9am – 4:30pm	Sinapalo Youth Center
	May 12	9am – 4:30pm	Rota Mayor's Offic

The list below reflects the voucher amounts for the islands.

Qualified Products	Saipan	Tinian and Rota
Refrigerators 14.3 cu.ft. or higher	$400	$500
Clothes Washers 3.0 cu.ft. or higher	$300	$400
Window AC 12.0 EER or higher		
(5000-8000 BTU)	$120	$160
(over 8000 BTU)	$130	$175
Split AC 18.0 SEER or higher		
(9000-18000 BTU)	$300	$400
(over 18000 BTU)	$550	$650

Please note rebate vouchers only cover a portion of the amount of the total price of the units listed above. Voucher recipients are responsible for paying the remaining balance on the amount.

Appliances must replace existing models. Residents with newly constructed or renovated homes are eligible to apply for new purchases of qualified Energy Efficient or Energy Star-rated appliances. Residents impacted by the devastations of Typhoon Mangkhut and Super Typhoon Yutu are eligible, provided they have not already received similar assistance from local, federal, or private entities.

Due to the continuing threat of COVID-19, the public is required to observe and comply with all health and safety protocols. Masks are required at all times during the program services hours of operations.

For additional program information or questions, contact the Division of Energy Office at 664- 4480/1. ***(PR)***

FSM schedules repatriation flights

PALIKIR, Pohnpei—The COVID-19 Task Force of the Federated States of Micronesia announced yesterday the intended dates for regularly scheduled repatriation flights for the month of May.

For the state of Yap, it is the intention of the FSM and Yap State Task Forces to implement a repatriation flight from Guam to Yap on May 11.

For the state of Chuuk, it is the intention of the FSM and Chuuk State Task Forces to implement repatriation flights from Guam to Chuuk on May 11 and May 30.

For the state of Pohnpei, it is the intention of the FSM and Pohnpei State Task Forces to implement repatriation flights from Guam to Pohnpei on May 14 and May 25.

For the state of Kosrae, it is the intention of the FSM and Kosrae State Task Forces to implement repatriation flights from Guam to Kosrae on May 9 and May 23.

As of May 1, 2022, FSM communities remain COVID-19 free. There is one case of COVID- 19 in Pohnpei, which was identified and isolated during the recent repatriation flight. There are five cases of COVID-19 in Kosrae, which were similarly identified and isolated during its recent repatriation flight. It remains the intention of FSM President David W. Panuelo to open the nation's borders during the month of August, with returning persons to only require evidence of being fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and testing negative against it.

The COVID-19 vaccines are safe and extremely effective at preventing severe disease and death. There are enough vaccines in the FSM for every citizen and resident. Panuelo received his second booster dose of the COVID-19 vaccine on April 29, 2022. ***(PR)***

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INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-IFB-22-014

SEWER MAIN REPLACEMENT PHASE II
(ROYAL PALM AVENUE AND GINGER AVENUE – GARAPAN)

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Sewer Main Replacement Phase II (Royal Palm Avenue and Ginger Avenue – Garapan) in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The project consists of but not limited to the installation of gravity sewer main, new sewer manholes, new service laterals, connection to existing service laterals, and the abandonment of existing sewerline, removal and disposal of existing sewer manholes.

The project is funded by a grant from the United States of Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and CUC. The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of approval for project award from USEPA.

CUC requires the project to be completed in **300 calendar days** from date of award of contract.

Prospective Bidders for this IFB must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The IFB package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $200.00 for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by site visits will be held on **May 11, 2022 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No. 17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) original and Five (5) copies of the bid MUST be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"CUC-IFB-22-014, Sewer Main Replacement Phase II (Royal Palm Avenue and Ginger Avenue – Garapan)"** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on June 1, 2022**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. **Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.**

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding if the bid requirements in the course of the Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

A Bid Guarantee of not less than fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the Unites States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one Hundred (100%) percent and a Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.*

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered bidders and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on May 13, 2022** to Mr. Manny B. Sablan, CUC's Purchasing Administrator, via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org, with a copy to Larry Manacop, CUC's Acting Chief Engineer via email at larry.manacop@cucgov.org, Dennis Formalejo, CUC's Engineer via email at dennis.formalejo@cucgov.org and Ms. Christie Sablan, CUC's Senior Administrative Technician via email address at christie.sablan@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any reason and waive any defects in said bid proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

GARY P. CAMACHO
Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN
Purchasing Administrator

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Accountant – DW2022-01
Saipan, CNMI

Accountant, D & W SAIPAN, INC., Saipan, CNMI

Job Duties:
Overall in-charge on the accounting and administrative operation of the company. Report to the management regarding the finances of the company. Prepare and analyze accounting records, financial statements, or other financial report to assess accuracy, completeness and in conformity to reporting and procedural US GAAP standards. Analyze business operations, trends, cost, revenue, financial commitments, and obligation to project future revenues and expenses. Compute the taxes owed and prepare tax returns such as CNMI business gross revenue tax, CNMI Quarterly Withholding, Employer's Quarterly Federal Tax Return (941-SS) and Corporate Income Tax Return (1120-CM), ensuring compliance with payment, reporting or other requirements.

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OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Rizalito P. Tabago Petitioner	:	FCD -DI CIVIL ACTION NO. 21-0378
-vs- Michelle Madriaga Respondent	:	SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is on file with the Court, within thirty (30) days after service of the Summons upon you, and to delivery or mail a copy of your answer to the Petitioner whose address is P.O. Box 501607 as soon as practical after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950. It may be prepared for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or mail. It is not necessary for you to appear until further notice. If you fail to file a answer in accordance with this Summons, Judgment by Default may be taken against you for relief in the Complaint.

Dated this 18th day of April, 2022.

/s/_____
CLERK OF THIS COURT

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Don't take your guns to town

The power and security promised by guns have always enticed young people—especially young men. But the allure of guns is based on lies. Guns are more likely to endanger people than to protect them, especially young people who are not trained to use them.

Much of the recent gun violence in and around Pittsburgh has involved teenagers, both as shooters and victims. The Easter Sunday North Side Airbnb shootings took place at an underage party; the murdered boys, Matthew Steffy-Ross and Jaiden Brown, were both 17. It's likely the shooters were high school age as well.

Less than a week later, police arrested a 16-year-old McKees Rocks boy for shooting a 15-year-old. In the house where the arrest occurred, there were three handguns, two bricks of heroin, and more than $2,000 in cash.

McKeesport. Homewood. Allentown. Brookline. All places where teens have been gunned down in the last 12 months, often by their peers. Of the 56 people killed by guns in Pittsburgh last year, 15 were children, the Post-Gazette has reported.

In 2020, firearms overtook auto accidents as the leading cause of death in children, with over 4,300 fatalities, about 10% of all gun-related deaths, research published by the New England Journal of Medicine shows.

Pittsburgh police and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives found that about half of the guns recovered from juveniles are stolen; at least 1 in 10 are unregistered, privately made "ghost guns." These guns are in constant demand on the black market, fueling the supply chain.

Teenagers are strapped to protect themselves. Given the violence in the community, it's easy to understand why packing a gun becomes routine. Guns become status symbols, but their proliferation puts everyone at risk.

Caitlin McNulty, executive director of Brookline Teen Outreach, said young people tell her that carrying a gun makes them "feel in control," with power to handle chaotic circumstances. She and her staff try to convince them that carrying guns has the opposite effect.

With so many guns on the street, their power and potency will overwhelm a child. The promise of power and security descends into anxiety and distrust. Everyone becomes a potentially deadly threat.

Vows to use guns only in self-defense are forgotten when the immature mind is forced to fight or flee.

Johnny Cash captured this psychology perfectly in his 1958 hit, "Don't Take Your Guns to Town." Billy Joe defies his mother and carries his guns to the saloon, promising not to shoot without cause. When an older cowboy mocks him, however, he feels he has to defend his honor and reaches for his pistol. "But the stranger drew his gun and fired before he even saw."

Enlightened gun control policies can alleviate the carnage, but they won't eliminate the culture of violence. Schools and other institutions need to present kids with credible voices—voices of experience from the streets—who can show them the promise and allure of guns are lies. Until then, the cycle of violence will continue.

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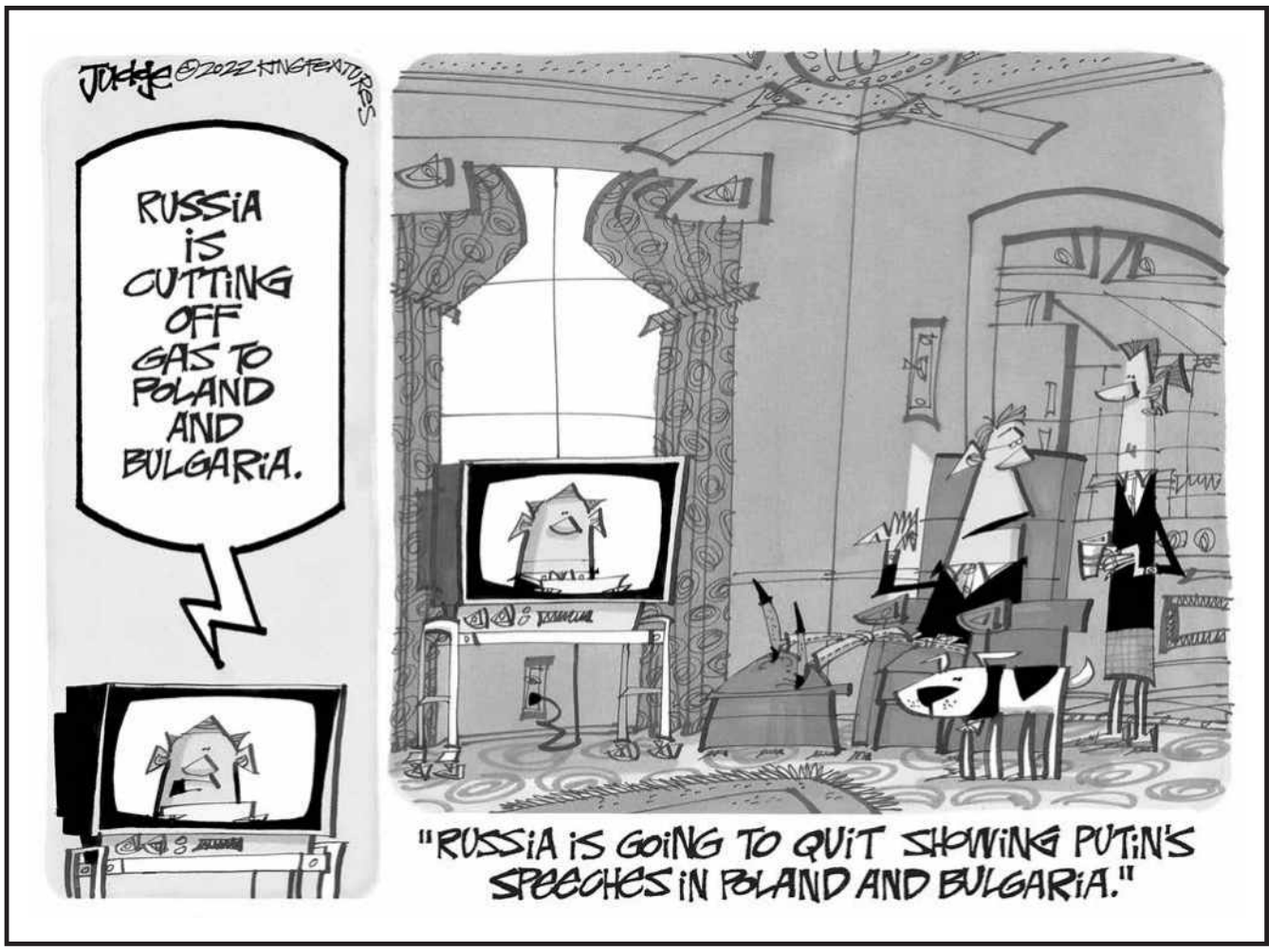
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Earth Day to May Day represents our future

By DANIEL ROBLES
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The tide of labor relations is changing as news comes in from our communities and around the country, of wage workers taking on the Amazon and Starbucks corporate commands and demanding labor unions.

This union fever is not just predominant in the corporate sector, as a March Time article "Inside the Capitol Hill Staffers' Effort to Unionize Congress" shows. The need for folks to be respected, have fair wages, and work a fair schedule is a pervasive need across different sectors. This news shows why lessons from the past are so important in how we move our society forward in the face of uncertain circumstances

We are in the 10-day period between Earth Day and May Day, which has roots in the Chicago Haymarket uprisings. Historically these days were honored separately and unfortunately organized labor, immigrant workers and climate activists were pitted against one another by the wealthy. But this year we refuse to be divided, and unite under a common goal of winning a Green New Deal.

In this last year, we have witnessed worsening climate catastrophes, a growing number of climate refugees, fossil-fuel driven conflict and a pandemic. We've seen the federal government fail to take action on climate change or provide pathways to citizenship for migrant workers, while a partisan divide on public health grows. In the meantime, billion-dollar corporations such as Amazon take home record profits at the expense of its workers and our environment.

Many of our nation's immigrants have been forced to leave their homes by crises of climate and capitalism. I am one of those immigrants. When my father was left jobless after an American factory shut down in Mexico, my family was unable to find work due to the decimation of the local economies and land by colonialism and capitalism.

We migrated to Illinois in search of work to sustain our family. I am a DACA recipient that DREAMs of a future. A future where we value and protect the clean air, water and land, where all workers can have a good union job, and all migrants have a pathway to citizenship. To achieve this we must pass a Green New Deal.

This Earth Day to May Day, we celebrate wins and demand a future. We celebrate the tremendous success of the organizers who forced Chicago to deny an operating permit for a scrap metal shredder on the Southeast Side. We need a future where elected officials protect our right to clean air without monthlong hunger strikes. We stand with McKinley Park effort to shut down the MAT Asphalt plant, located between two schools and across from the neighborhood's largest green space.

Across Illinois, many of our working-class communities of color and immigrant communities are experiencing exploitation on the job. These workers and their families also come home to neighborhoods at the fence lines of major polluters, where they experience poor air quality and the resulting public and personal health concerns. When working-class Black, Latino and Asian American communities are hit first and worst by climate crises, environmental justice is a racial justice fight, a workers' rights fight and an immigrant justice fight.

Emissions in communities of color account for about 75% of total diesel personal exposure in the country. According to a recent air quality report released by Warehouse Workers for Justice, "Diesel pollution … acts as a compounded burden on top of existing inequities, worsening quality of life and health outcomes for communities. … Not only are people of color living closest to sites of diesel and other kinds of pollution but working-class communities and communities of color are often employed in polluting industries.

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In Illinois, Black and Latino workers account for 85% of temporary workers in factories and warehouses despite the state's overall workforce being only 35% nonwhite."

Despite these unprecedented environmental justice and worker wins, elected officials and regulatory agencies continue to act as roadblocks. When our government fails to take into account the environmental and labor implications in the procurement process, they disregard public process, land and health. Elected officials and regulatory agencies alike must commit to an immediate and just transition to renewable energy that centers the needs of workers and communities.

We need a future that can only be built together across race, class and sector lines. We need a livable climate, jobs and citizenship now. We need a Green New Deal, because the solution must be as interconnected as the problems.

Daniel Robles is a Chicago volunteer with the Sunrise Movement, a national organization that advocates political action on climate change.

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Lessons from the Soviets on how to hold Russia accountable for war crimes

By FRANCINE HIRSCH and EUGENE FINKEL
Los Angeles Times

Francine Hirsch is a professor of history at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the author of Soviet Judgment at Nuremberg. Eugene Finkel is an associate professor of international affairs at Johns Hopkins University and the author of Ordinary Jews: Choice and Survival during the Holocaust.

Evidence of Russian violence against Ukrainian civilians—murders, kidnappings and rape—continues to emerge on a daily basis. Each liberated locality adds to a grisly realization that a genocide might be taking place in the Russian-occupied Ukraine. Ukraine's State Prosecutor's Office has already started investigating crimes committed by Russian troops and the International Criminal Court might get involved as well.

The United Nations, Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch are also investigating Russian abuses. Investigations and criminal prosecution of individual perpetrators are important but insufficient. Full accountability—prosecution, reparations, and the creation of a historical record—requires an integrated effort that goes beyond law enforcement and involves historians, social scientists, forensic scientists and other experts.

What Ukraine needs is a dedicated state commission to collect, systematize and analyze evidence of atrocities and other crimes committed during this war. Russian propaganda falsely presents the war as a fight against Nazism. Yet, ironically, Soviet efforts during World War II to uncover and prosecute Nazi crimes in German-occupied parts of the USSR can provide a useful blueprint to hold Russia accountable.

The Soviet Extraordinary State Commission, established in 1942 during the darkest days of World War II, included government officials, academics, investigators and forensic scientists. The commission sent representatives to liberated regions to supervise and verify the work of investigations being carried out by regional and local commissions. It employed photographers and filmmakers who documented crime scenes. The commission also included a small group of well-known writers and cultural figures, appointed to better communicate what was happening to the outside world.

The commission's key goals were to record war crimes, make a case for reparations, mobilize domestic populations, shape international public opinion, prepare evidence for future trials, and establish the historical record. One of its strengths was its combination of forensic, legal and public relations expertise. Another advantage was that the local and regional commissions were made up of people from the region, not outsiders parachuting in, which facilitated better recording of the destruction of local cultural heritage. This approach allowed the commission quicker access to evidence from newly liberated areas and more immediate recollections by survivors.

While evidence gathering was localized, its aggregation and analysis were centralized. Information gathered at the local level was reviewed and compiled at the regional level, and then sent on to Moscow. The commission was then able to use this evidence to put together a bigger picture of German crimes.

The commission operated under extremely difficult conditions but managed to compile thousands of accounts and produce numerous reports, 32 of which were used in the Nuremberg trials. Its analysis uncovered general patterns of Nazi atrocities and their similarity across regions. It established, for example, that the Nazis intentionally destroyed cultural artifacts and national treasures and deliberately targeted hospitals and educational institutions.

But the Soviet commission also demonstrated the potential dangers of a state-led approach to documenting war crimes. Its work was subject to oversight by the Soviet security apparatus, and its reputation and stature were put to the service of falsifying evidence and whitewashing Soviet crimes, most notably the Katyn massacre of more than 20,000 Polish military officers and other prisoners of war. The commission issued a report that blamed the Nazis for that crime.

A dedicated Ukrainian state commission should draw on lessons from the Soviet experience and go beyond them. With many Ukrainians now displaced, comprehensive data gathering would need to span borders and could bring in members of the international community. Holocaust and genocide oral history archives in the West already have established procedures for interviewing survivors and witnesses as well as trained Russian-speaking interviewers who might assist in data collection. Scholars and prosecutors ask different questions and take different approaches to data analysis. Their efforts and skills should be used in tandem to provide as complete a picture as possible.

The Soviet experience also shows the need to avoid politicizing the prosecution of war criminals and distorting the historical record. Any commission established by the Ukrainian government must be transparent and free of political inference. It should include Ukrainian and international investigators and scholars. The commission's charter should provide guarantees for academic freedom, impartiality and the ability to investigate any crimes, even those committed by Ukrainian soldiers. Scholars participating in this effort should work pro bono to avoid any suspicion of financial interest with freedom to publicly express their opinion.

We have no time to waste. As days pass by, evidence gets lost, recollections become imprecise and victims scatter or disappear. Scholars can't wait until law enforcement completes their work, and investigators will not get the full picture without scholars' input. Accountability goes beyond criminal prosecution—also at stake is the judgment of history. Victims of Russian violence deserve it.

Angry parents are ruining youth sports. Here's how to rein them in

By BEN SHERWOOD
Los Angeles Times

Ben Sherwood, founder and CEO of MOJO, a youth sports app, is a soccer referee and has coached his sons for the last 13 years in four sports. He has served as president of ABC News, president of the Disney ABC Television Group and co-chair of the Disney Media Networks.

As millions of kids in the U.S. return to fields and courts for spring sports, black eyes and bloody noses are returning too. This time the injuries aren't just among the athletes. These are dangerous times for referees and umpires who call penalties and outs.

In Laurel, Mississippi, earlier this month, an umpire of a 12-year-olds' softball game was ambushed by a parent in the parking lot and hit in the face after the game. The accused assailant—wearing a "Mother of the Year" T-shirt—was arrested and charged with simple assault, a misdemeanor, and fined $422.25.

In Livonia, Georgia, at a church basketball game this month, a referee was attacked after the final whistle by parents and eighth grade players. Some 30 stitches later, the ref is recovering.

Attacks have happened at a Texas baseball game, a Northern California soccer game and a Colorado hockey game, where one parent sprayed a referee in the face with an industrial-sized can of Lysol. Chemical warfare comes to youth sports. What next?

No wonder youth sports today face double trouble. Some 70% of young athletes drop out by age 11, primarily because sports aren't fun anymore. And 80% of referees quit within two years.

Some have called referee abuse "a national crisis." More broadly, others have labeled youth sports "a cauldron of yelling and hysteria."

Although plenty of games go off without a hitch, too many referees are demeaned and rules disregarded, abuse and violence are rampant, and winning appears to be the only thing that matters.

The sideline mayhem has become pervasive enough that nearly two dozen states have laws against harming sports officials. And the Legislature in Minnesota is considering a $1,000 fine for unruly sports parents.

But laws, says Brian Barlow, a referee activist in Oklahoma, aren't the answer. He has refereed youth soccer for 14 years and started the Facebook page Offside. It began as satire—publicly shaming abusive sideline behavior with video—but has grown into an advocacy group for refs.

The problem is worse than ever, says Barlow, who also runs a referee academy. Leagues are losing referees at record rates, and they're recruiting at historically low rates. "I've never seen a time when so many games are being canceled," he says.

The result? Kids simply don't get to play—because their parents can't behave.

Out-of-control youth sports parents are nothing new. In a 2017 survey by the National Association of Sports Officials, some 87% of participants said they had suffered verbal abuse, 13% had been assaulted and 47% had felt unsafe because of administrator, player, coach or spectator behavior. And when it's all caught on cellphone video, it's increasingly hard to brush aside these incidents as isolated events.

There's some reason to believe that this most recent wave of violent behavior—also seen on planes, at grocery stores, at the Oscars—has been fueled by the pandemic. Keith Humphreys, a psychiatry professor at Stanford University, told The Atlantic that the pandemic has created "high-stress, low-reward" situations that can result in shocking outbursts. Other theories? Rudeness is contagious, substance abuse is up and the isolation of the pandemic has been crushing.

Some experts believe that as the world returns to "normal" our societal norms will return too. Eventually. But in the meantime, youth sports parents have to do better.

One solution? When parents are abusive, take away their privilege of watching their kids play youth sports. Barlow believes that banishment would be more effective than a fine.

To make this work, everyone—from the major leagues down through state associations and local clubs and government—needs to adopt a standard of zero tolerance. And then they have to enforce the rules and laws. (The assailant from the softball game in Mississippi will reportedly be banned from all recreational facilities in her city.)

Referees themselves can also take a stand. At the end of the day, if there's no ref, there's no game. It's hard to accept that it has come to this: Friday night flag football, Saturday morning soccer, canceled because no referee is willing to put up with the abuse.

As I watch parents go nuts on the sidelines—and sometimes feel a little rage myself as a parent coach—I can't help thinking we've gotten everything entirely backward. With time, no one really remembers the score of a youth game. But everyone remembers the parent who went berserk or the ref who was socked in the face.

While you can't blame anyone for quitting, the answer isn't to leave the field. It's to step up and remake youth sports into a communal and civil activity.

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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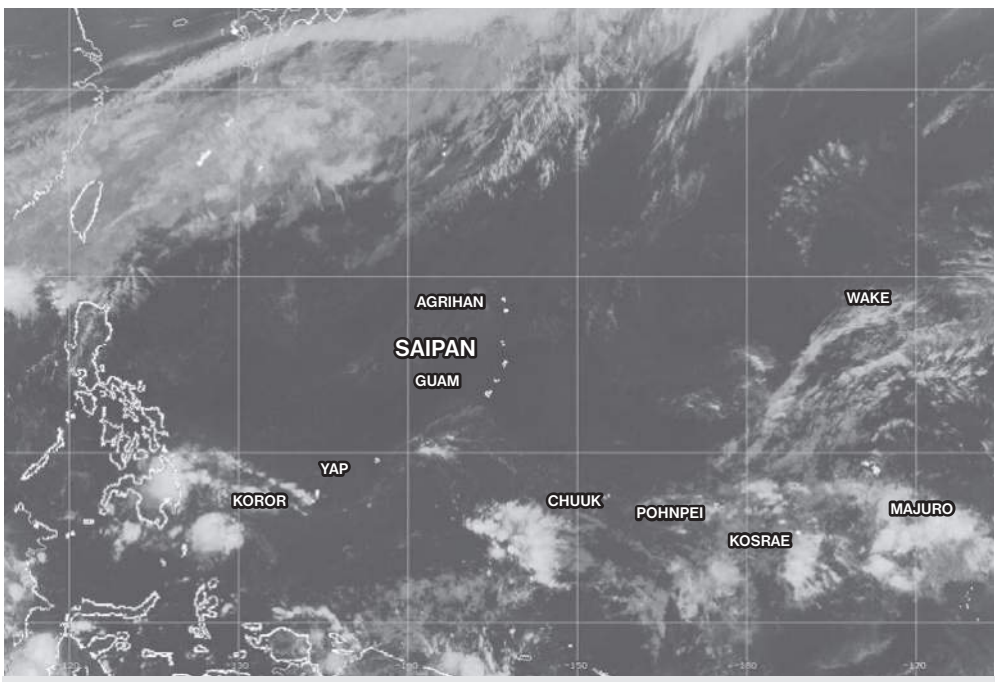

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Moderate to fresh trade winds prevail in the Marianas. Ritidian buoy indicates seas around 5 feet.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

STOP THE SPREAD

The Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. continue to encourage residents within the Marianas to practice social distancing, which means avoiding close contact with people in order to avoid catching the virus yourself and to avoid passing it on to others.

■ Stay home as much as possible. Avoid unnecessary travel or public places.

■ Avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10.

■ Choose drive-thru, take-out, or delivery options, or outdoor seating, if available, when dining in.

■ Send only one healthy adult from the household run necessary errands, such as getting groceries or picking up medications. Leave children, elderly, and other vulnerable people at home as much as possible. When returning home from an errand, wash your hands before doing anything else.

■ Older adults and people with chronic medical conditions are at higher risk of getting very sick from this illness. People at high risk should stay at home as much as possible.

■ Create a household plan of action, https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/checklisthousehold-ready.html

■ Ensure a 30-day supply of all medicines.

Continue good hand hygiene

■ Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, avoid touching your face, cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your sleeve.

■ Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not readily available.

Know the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and what to do if you become symptomatic

■ Stay home when you are sick and if you recently traveled to a place with COVID-19. Self-quarantine means:

• Choosing a room in your house that can be used to separate sick household members from others.

• Washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

• Avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

• Limiting visitors

CHCC appreciates the patience and understanding of the community at this time. To obtain general information about the CNMI COVID-19 response, contact the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force Hotline at 287-0046, 287-0489, 287-1089. These numbers are available Monday to Sunday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

For medical information about COVID-19, reach out to the COVID-19 Infoline at the following numbers: 285-1672/1352. These numbers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

For mental health support and helpful tips during a crisis, call the Mental Health Support Line at 285-1856, 323-6560, 323-6561 These numbers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30 pm. For the 24/7 Disaster Distress Helpline, call SAMSHA at 1-800-985-5990.

For more information about DIY face coverings, visit https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html

For more information about CHCC programs, follow CHCC on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter at @cnmichcc, check out our website at www.chcc.gov.mp or call us at (670) 234-8950.

For more information on the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force, visit www.governor.gov.mpand, follow @GovernorCNMI on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

This health advisory may be found online at http://www.chcc.gov.mp/pressrelease.html and at www.governor.gov.mp/covid-19.

Rumor control

During crises like this, oftentimes the spread of misinformation is just as dangerous as the virus itself. The CNMI is reminded to only share official and verified notices, press releases, and advisories from the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and CHCC.

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MICRONESIA	▲ ▼ °F	
Guam and Rota	Mostly Sunny	30 / 26 °F
Palau	Scattered Thunderstorms	29 / 25 °F
Yap	Scattered Thunderstorms	30 / 26 °F
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	29 / 26 °F
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	29/ 25 °F
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	29 / 25 °F
Majuro	Scattered Thunderstorms	29 / 26 °F

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	05:53 AM	18:35 PM
Wednesday	05:52 AM	18:35 PM
Thursday	05:52 AM	18:35 PM
Friday	05:51 AM	18:35 PM
Saturday	05:51AM	18:36 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	07:21	20:39 PM	-
Wednesday	08:06	21:32 PM	-
Thursday	08:54	22:24 PM	-
Friday	09:44	23:14 PM	-
Saturday	10:36	-	-

AROUND THE GLOBE	▲ ▼ °F	
Auckland	Cloudy	20 /14 °F
Beijing	Sunny	33 / 14°F
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	25 / 21 °F
Honolulu	Scattered Thunderstorms	28 / 22 °F
London	Mostly Cloudy	15 / 10 °F
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	23 / 13 °F
Manila	Partly Cloudy	35 / 26 °F
Melbourne	Mostly Sunny	21 / 13 °F
Miami	PM Showers	28 / 24 °F
New York	Mostly Cloudy	18 / 11 °F
Osaka	Sunny	20 / 11 °F
Paris	Partly Cloudy	21 / 10 °F
Busan	Sunny	19 / 12 °F
Rome	PM Light Rain	22 / 12 °F
Salem	Partly Cloudy	30 / 18 °F
San Francisco	Sunny	20 / 10 °F
Seoul	Mostly Sunny	201/ 9 °F
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	20 / 12 °F
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	25 / 14 °F

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY	FEET	
03:22 AM	Low Tide	1.19
08:09 AM	High Tide	1.82
3:27 PM	Low Tide	-0.04
10:31 PM	High Tide	1.85

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF MAY 1, 2022

DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA117	6:35AM	7:15AM	1, 3, 6
UA117	9:50AM	10:35AM	2, 4, 5, 7

GUAM-MANILA (MNL)

PR 111	6:00AM	8:00AM	1, 3, 5, 6, 7
UA193	7:05PM	10:55PM	5 via Palau
UA183	7:10PM	9:10PM	Daily

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

UA117/183	6:35AM	9:10PM	1, 3, 6 via Guam
UA117/193	6:35AM	10:55PM	5 via Guam, Palau
UA117/183	9:50AM	9:10PM	2, 4, 5, 7 via Guam

SAIPAN-INCHEON (ICN)

TW9308	3:30PM	7:20PM	4, 7
7C3405	3:30PM	7:25PM	6
RS112	3:45PM	7:30PM	3, 6
7C3405	3:50PM	7:45PM	3
OZ624	4:00PM	7:40PM	3, 6

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

BX622	3:10PM	6:30PM	3, 7

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA116	5:00AM	5:45AM	1, 3, 6
UA116	8:00AM	8:45AM	5, 7
UA174	8:00AM	8:45AM	2, 4

MANILA (MNL)-GUAM

PR110	10:35PM	4:35AM+1	2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA184	10:25PM	4:20AM+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA192	10:25PM	6:05AM+1	5 via Palau
UA184	11:50PM	5:40AM+1	5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA184/116	10:25PM	5:45AM+1	2, 5, 7 via Guam
UA184/116	10:25PM	8:45AM+1	1, 3 via Guam
UA184/174	10:25PM	8:45AM+1	4, 6 via Guam

INCHEON (ICN)-SAIPAN

7C3406	8:30AM	2:10PM	6
RS111	8:45AM	2:05PM	3, 6
7C3406	8:50AM	2:30PM	3
TW9307	9:00AM	2:30PM	4, 7
OZ623	9:00AM	2:30PM	3, 6

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

BX621	8:00AM	1:10PM	3, 7

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); UA United Airlines; PR, Philippine Airlines; TW, T'Way Air; OZ, Asiana Airlines; 7C, Jeju Air; BX, Air Busan • ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF MAY 18, 2021

SAIPAN TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1301	8:30AM	9:00AM	Daily
1302	11:00AM	11:30AM	Daily
1303	1:30PM	2:00PM	Tues/Wed/ Thurs/Fri
1304	3:30PM	4:00PM	Daily

ROTA TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3101	9:30AM	10:00AM	Daily
3102	12:00AM	12:30AM	Daily
3103	1:30PM	3:00PM	Tues/Wed/ Thurs/Fri
3104	4:30PM	5:00PM	Daily

ROTA TO GUAM

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3401	12:15	12:45	Temporarily Unavailable

GUAM TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
4301	13:00	13:30	Temporarily Unavailable

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1201	7:00	7:15	Temporarily Unavailable
1202	8:00	8:15	Daily
1203	9:00	9:15	Daily
1204	10:00	10:15	Daily
1205	11:00	11:15	Daily
1206	12:00	12:15	Temporarily Unavailable
1207	13:00	13:15	Temporarily Unavailable
1208	14:00	14:15	Daily
1209	15:00	15:15	Daily
1210	16:00	16:15	Daily
1211	17:00	17:15	Daily
1212	17:00	17:15	Temporarily Unavailable

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
2101	7:30	7:45	Temporarily Unavailable
2102	8:30	8:45	Daily
2103	9:30	9:45	Daily
2104	10:30	10:45	Daily
2105	11:30	11:45	Daily
2106	12:30	12:45	Temporarily Unavailable
2107	13:30	13:45	Temporarily Unavailable
2108	14:30	14:45	Daily
2109	15:30	15:45	Daily
2110	16:30	16:45	Daily
2111	17:30	17:45	Daily
2112	18:30	18:45	Temporarily Unavailable

FSM joins US, other countries in committing to a free internet

PALIKIR, Pohnpei—Federated States of Micronesia President David W. Panuelo signed last April 28 the Declaration for the Future of the Internet, with the FSM now joining more than 55 other like-minded nations, including the United States, Canada, Australia, Japan, New Zealand, the European Union, the United Kingdom, and Ukraine to affirm a collective "commitment to promote and sustain an internet that is open, free, global, interoperable, reliable, and secure."

The declaration also aims to ensure that the internet "reinforces democratic principles and human rights and fundamental freedoms; offers opportunities for collaborative research and commerce; is developed, governed, and deployed in an inclusive way so that unserved and underserved communities, particularly those coming online the first time, can navigate it safely and with personal data privacy and protections in place; and is governed by multistakeholder processes."

FSM joins like-minded countries in ensuring "an internet that can deliver on the promise of connecting humankind and helping societies and democracies to thrive."

The non-binding declaration describes that its signatories will protect human rights and fundamental freedoms, including the principles of the rule of law, legitimate purpose, non-arbitrariness, effective oversight, and transparency, both online and offline, as well as calling upon others to do the same.

The declaration describes that its signatories will refrain from government-imposed internet shutdowns or degrading domestic internet access, either entirely or partially, and refrain from blocking or degrading access to lawful content, services, and applications on the internet, consistent with the principles of net neutrality as subject to applicable law, including international human rights law.

The declaration describes that its signatories promote an inclusive and affordable access to the internet, including supporting digital literacy, skills acquisition, and development so that individuals can overcome the digital divide, participate in the internet safely, and realize the economic and social potential of the digital economy.

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Federated States of Micronesia President David W. Panuelo signs the Declaration for the Future of the Internet.

Additionally, the declaration states that its signatories will work together to combat cybercrime, including cyber-enabled crime, and deter malicious cyber activity. Signatories will protect individuals' privacy and personal data, the confidentiality of electronic communications and information on end-users' electronic devices, as well as promote the protection of consumers from online scams and other unfair practices. Signatories will promote and use trustworthy network infrastructure and service suppliers, relying on risk-based assessments that include technical and non-technical factors for network security, and refrain from using the internet to undermine electoral infrastructure, elections, and political processes, including through covert information manipulation campaigns.

"The FSM is committed to human rights and the rules-based international order," Panuelo said in a statement. "Access to the internet is a human right, and all citizens, residents, and visitors in the FSM have the right to access lawful content. The FSM national government supports the principles and details of the Declaration for the Future of the Internet, including the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms, promoting a global internet, ensuring inclusive and affordable access to the internet, bestowing trust in the digital ecosystem, and ensuring multistakeholder internet governance. The FSM is committed toward using the internet for the democratization of knowledge, and not the dissemination of disinformation and misinformation from scam-seekers and malign state actors. The FSM believes that the principles for the future of the internet are universal in nature, and our nation invites those who share this vision to affirm these principles and join us in its implementation."

The Declaration for the Future of the Internet can be found here: https://gov.fm/files/Declaration_for_the_Future_for_the_Internet_FINAL_20220425.pdf ***(PR)***

MCS Early Bird deadline extended to May 13, 2022

In an effort to assist families, Mount Carmel School recently announced that the school will extend its Early Bird Special to Friday, May 13, 2022.

The Early Bird Special is an opportunity for parents to avail of major registration and tuition discounts for the upcoming school year. The annual early bird registration discount is as follows: For grades K4–K5 registration is $75 per student (normally $100). For students in grades first through 12th, the registration fee is $200 per student (normally $400).

"The Early Bird Special was created to help families register their child's seat for the next academic school year and save money," said MCS acting president Frances Taimanao. "We hope with this extension of the Early Bird deadline, families will take advantage of the registration savings and have their child apply for the academic and extracurricular scholarship opportunities."

Families who avail of Mount Carmel School's Early Bird Special will also automatically qualify to apply for the school's Academic and Extracurricular Scholarships or financial aid program. Students awarded a scholarship or financial aid will gain $750 in tuition savings. Mount Carmel School will announce when the portal for academic and extracurricular scholarship applications is open.

Additionally, families with two children can avail of a $600 tuition discount for the second child, families with three children can avail of a $1,000 tuition discount for the third child, and families with four children can avail of a $1,500 tuition discount for the fourth child.

To learn more about enrolling at Mount Carmel School for the upcoming 2022-2023 school year, call 234-6184 or visit www.mountcarmelsaipan.com. ***(MCS)***

Guam PTAC sets free webinars on federal contracting

The Guam Procurement Technical Assistance Center is offering two free webinars a week this May. If our usual Thursday webinar doesn't work for you, then join us on Tuesdays!

Webinars run from 10am to 11:30am and will be conducted via Zoom. Links to the live webinar and the webinar evaluation will be emailed to all registered attendees 15 minutes before the start of the webinar.

■ May 3, 2022 and May 5, 2022 – How to Register in SAM - Vendors need an active SAM registration to participate in Federal contracting. On 4/4/22, the SAM registration process changed. The Guam PTAC will take you through the new registration process as well as the new annual renewal process.

■ May 10, 2022 and May 12, 2022 – Federal Contract Opportunities - SAM.gov is the portal for Federal Contract Opportunities. The Guam PTAC will show you how to use the website to ensure you do not miss any opportunities. Opportunity types, search filters, and search strategies will be discussed.

■ May 17, 2022 and May 19, 2022 – Responding to RFPs - The Guam PTAC will walk participants through the common sections and clauses of an RFP as well as provide tips on developing a proposal in response to an RFP.

■ May 24, 2022 and May 26, 2022 – PIEE/WAWF - Department of Defense vendors use the Wide-Area Workflow module in the Procurement Integrated Enterprise Environment system to create, submit, and track their invoices. We will show you how to set up an account and submit an invoice so you get paid on time.

■ May 31, 2022 and June 2, 2022 – Cybersecurity - Department of Defense vendors need to protect themselves from cyberattacks. We will discuss DOD's current requirements as well as the upcoming Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification (CMMC 2.0).

To register, visit: https://www.guamptac.com/news-and-events.php ***(PR)***

ISLANDWIDE CLEANUP

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Saipan Southern High School's Manta Ray Battalion participates in the Islandwide Cleanup held last April 23, 2022. It was also the school's final cleanup for the school year.

Business

Sneakers, elastic pants: People change office wear post-COVID

NEW YORK (AP)—Blazers in knit fabrics, pants with drawstrings or elastic waists, and polo shirts as the new button-down.

Welcome to the post-pandemic dress code for the office.

After working remotely in sweats and yoga pants for two years, many Americans are rethinking their wardrobes to balance comfort and professionalism as offices reopen. They're giving a heave-ho to the structured suits, zip-front pants and pencil skirts they wore before the COVID-19 pandemic and experimenting with new looks. That has retailers and brands rushing to meet workers' fashion needs for the future of work.

"Being comfortable is more important than being super structured," said Kay Martin-Pence, 58, who went back to her Indianapolis office last month in dressy jeans and flowy tops after working remotely in leggings and slippers for two years. "Why feel buttoned up and stiff when I don't have to?"

Before COVID-19, Martin-Pence used to wear dress pants with blazers to the pharmaceutical company where she works. She's gone back to heels, but they're lower, and she says she will never wear dress pants again to the office.

Even before the pandemic, Americans were dressing more casually at work. The time spent in sweats accelerated the shift from "business casual" to "business comfort."

Still, return-to-office dressing remains a social experiment, said Adam Galinsky, a social psychologist at Columbia Business School who coined the term "enclothed cognition," or how what people wear affects how they think.

"My guess is that it will go more casual, but maybe it doesn't," Galinsky said. "People are going to be consciously thinking about: 'Am I wearing the right outfit for being in the office?' They're going to be thinking about what they're doing, the context they're in, and the social comparisons of what others will be doing."

Steve Smith, CEO of outdoor sportswear brand L.L. Bean, said people are stepping out of their "typical uniform"—whatever form that may take.

"They're going to expect more flexible hours, to be able to work in hybrid model, and to be comfortable—as comfortable as they were at home," he said. "Some of the office uniforms, office wardrobes, are shifting and changing. There's no reason why it can't be permanent."

Data from market research firm NPD Group and retailers reflect the shifting trends.

Wire-free bras now represent more than 50% of the total, non-sports bra market in the U.S., reversing a long-term trend, according to NPD. Sales of dressy footwear have been rebounding since 2021, but they're still 34% below 2019 levels and more likely fueled by the return of social occasions, not the office, NPD said. Instead, casual sneakers are now the most common shoes for work.

Clothing rental company Rent the Runway said rentals for blazers were up nearly twofold in February from last year, reflecting a return to offices. But its customers are choosing colorful versions like pastel and fabrics like lightweight tweed, linens and twill. It said "business formal" rentals—traditional workwear like basic sheaths, pencil skirts and blazers—are roughly half of what they were in 2019, said Anushka Salinas, president and chief operating officer.

Stitch Fix, a personal shopping and styling service, noted men are increasingly choosing options like hiking and golf pants for the office. For the first three months of the year, revenue for that type of clothing was up nearly threefold over a year ago.

Polo shirts have replaced the collared button-down for men, and there's strong demand for pull-on pants, the company said. The ratio of elastic-waist work pants to those with buttons or zippers on Stitch Fix was one to one in 2019; now it's three to one.

Other workers, however, are feeling excited about dressing up again.

Emily Kirchner, 42, of Stevensville, Michigan, who works in communications for a major appliance manufacturer, said she's investing more in her wardrobe as she returns to the office. She used to wear tunic tops and leggings from Stitch Fix in the pre-pandemic days. Now, she's turning to the service for high-end jeans, blouses and blazers.

"It's kind of fun to dress up," said Kirchner, who had a baby early in the pandemic and wants to wear clothes that don't make her look like what she calls a "frumpy mom." "It's kind of like that back-to-school feeling."

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Germany: Quitting Russian oil by late summer is 'realistic'

BERLIN (AP)—Germany says it's making progress on weaning itself off Russian fossil fuels and expects to be fully independent of Russian crude oil imports by late summer. Economy and Climate Minister Robert Habeck said Sunday that Europe's largest economy has reduced the share of Russian energy imports to 12% for oil, 8% for coal and 35% for natural gas. Germany has been under strong pressure from Ukraine and other nations in Europe to cut energy imports from Russia that are worth billions of euros, which help fill Russian President Vladimir Putin's war chest. "All these steps that we are taking require an enormous joint effort from all actors and they also mean costs that are felt by both the economy and consumers," Habeck said in a statement. "But they are necessary if we no longer want to be blackmailed by Russia."

Tourists, rejoice! Italy, Greece relax COVID-19 restrictions

ROME (AP)—For travelers heading to Europe, summer vacations just got a whole lot easier. Italy and Greece relaxed some COVID-19 restrictions on Sunday before Europe's peak summer tourist season, in a sign that life was increasingly returning to normal. Greece's civil aviation authority announced that it was lifting all COVID-19 rules for international and domestic flights except for the wearing of face masks during flights and at airports. Previously, air travelers were required to show proof of vaccination, a negative test or a recent recovery from the disease. As of Sunday, visitors to Italy no longer have to fill out the EU passenger locator form, a complicated online ordeal required at airport check-in. Italy also did away with the health pass that had been required to enter restaurants, cinemas, gyms and other venues. The green pass, which showed proof of vaccination, recovery from the virus or a recent negative test, is still required to access hospitals and nursing homes.

Nation

Kansas tornado creates 165 mph winds, destroys homes

AP

A home is destroyed from a possible tornado the next before near Andover, Kan., on Saturday, April 30, 2022 .

WICHITA, Kan. (AP)—The tornado that damaged more than more than 1,000 buildings in south-central Kansas generated winds up to 165 mph and carved a path of destruction nearly 13 miles long.

The National Weather Service said the tornado that caused extensive damage Friday mostly in the Wichita suburb of Andover and injured several people rated an EF-3 on the Enhanced Fujita scale it uses to assess tornadoes.

Andover Fire Chief Chad Russell said that at least 300 to 400 buildings were destroyed by the storm as part of a total of 1,074 buildings that were damaged. The Weather Service said the tornado was on the ground for 21 minutes Friday evening.

Four people, including two firefighters who were responding to a call in Andover, were injured during the storm but their injuries were minor.

Russell said it will take years for Andover to recover from this storm.

"The city of Andover will be affected by this for years," he said. "We still have scars from 1991 (EF-5 tornado). I'm so thankful this tornado was not as bad as that, but we will literally be doing this for years."

By Sunday, utility crews had restored power to nearly all of the more than 15,000 customers who lost power during the storm. Evergy said less than 1,000 people still lacked power in the Wichita area Sunday morning.

In addition to the storm damage, the Oklahoma State Patrol said three University of Oklahoma meteorology students were killed in a car crash about 85 miles north of Oklahoma City in Oklahoma Friday evening as they returned from storm chasing in Kansas.

Final day of festival canceled after fatal shooting

JACKSON, Miss. (AP)—A law enforcement officer shot and killed one of the people suspected of firing shots at a festival in Mississippi, a sheriff said late Saturday. Organizers said Sunday that, in response to the shootings, they canceled the final day of the Mississippi Mudbug Festival at the state fairgrounds in Jackson.

Hinds County Sheriff Tyree Jones said several people were taken to local hospitals with unknown injuries after gunfire Saturday night. He said the person killed was a teenager.

He said an "officer-involved shooting investigation is underway stemming from this incident," but did not provide additional details. He said the Mississippi Bureau of Investigation was called to assist.

Jones said two or three people exchanged gunfire at about 10 p.m. Saturday in and around a vehicle at a fairgrounds parking lot.

"During the course of the exchange, at least one of these individuals fired multiple rounds, multiple shots, toward the midway area of the event that was in progress," Jones said. "We do not believe there was anybody else injured along the midway during the course of this gunfire."

Mower, co-inventor of implantable defibrillator, 89

BALTIMORE (AP)—Dr. Morton Mower, a former Maryland-based cardiologist who helped invent an automatic implantable defibrillator that has helped countless heart patients live longer and healthier, has died at age 89.

Funeral services were held Wednesday for Mower, who died two days earlier of cancer at Porter Adventist Hospital in Denver, The Baltimore Sun reported. The Maryland native had moved to Colorado about a decade ago.

Mower and Dr. Michel Mirowski, both colleagues at Sinai Hospital in Baltimore, began working in 1969 on developing a miniature defibrillator that could be implanted into a patient. The device would correct a patient's over-rapid or inefficient heartbeat with an electric shock to resume its regular rhythm.

"It was the talk of the whole hospital that these two crazy guys are going to put in an automatic defibrillator," Mower said in a 2015 interview with The Lancet medical journal. "If something had gone awry, we would have never lived it down. We were these two crazy guys who wanted to put a time bomb in people's chests, so to speak."

Asia

Philippine election: Volunteers back reformer vs dictator's son

Marcos

Robredo

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—One supporter wrote a stirring campaign song that has been played nearly 4 million times on Spotify. Other volunteers are barnstorming Philippine villages, going door-to-door to endorse Vice President Leni Robredo in next week's presidential election.

The stakes are high: If Robredo's opponent, Ferdinand Marcos Jr., clinches the presidency, as surveys suggest, it will mark a stunning reversal for a nation where millions poured out in 1986 to force out of the country a dictator and Marcos's father, whose legacy continues to shadow his son.

Followers from diverse backgrounds—families with their grandparents and children, doctors, activists, Catholic priests and nuns, TV and movie stars, farmers and students—have joined Robredo's fiesta-like campaign rallies in the tens of thousands. She called the emerging movement a "pink revolution" after the color worn by her volunteers.

The huge crowds, as well as drone shots and videos posted online by followers, evoke memories of the massive but largely peaceful 1986 "People Power" uprising that toppled strongman Ferdinand Marcos in an Asian democratic milestone that awed the world.

While the rallying call then was to bring back democracy after years of a brutal and corrupt dictatorship, the battle cry of Robredo's supporters is a promise to bring good and corruption-free governance with her as the new reformist torchbearer.

"We've been wanting good governance, honest, hard-working government officials, who genuinely care for the people, and she's finally here," said Nica del Rosario, a 32-year-old musician. "Let's not waste this chance because somebody like her doesn't come very often."

With her colleagues, del Rosario wrote and sang two campaign songs for Robredo, including "Rosas"—Tagalog for roses—a tribute to the opposition leader's patriotic and humble brand of hands-on politics that has become an emotional anthem to her followers. The song has been streamed more than 3.9 million times on Spotify in just two months, and has gone viral on Facebook and YouTube and driven supporters to tears at rallies.

But Robredo is fighting an uphill electoral battle against Marcos's son and namesake, who has topped voter-preference surveys with a seemingly insurmountable lead.

Robredo remained in second place in independent surveys for the 10-way presidential race, far behind Marcos Jr., with just a week before 67 million registered voters pick their next leader on May 9.

Marcos Jr. topped the latest poll by Pulse Asia with 56% support, although his rating dipped slightly among the lower-middle class, and Robredo ranked second with 24% after a nine-point rise. The other candidates lagged far behind in the March 17-21 survey, which polled 2,400 Filipinos of voting age nationwide with a margin of error of 2 percentage points.

Marcos Jr.'s candidacy has been bolstered by his vice-presidential running mate, Sara Duterte, the daughter of outgoing President Rodrigo Duterte, who has remained popular despite his bloody crackdown on illegal drugs and dismal human rights record that has left thousands dead since 2016.

"There is still a possibility that people will change their decision," Pulse Asia president Ronald Holmes said of voter preferences. It's also hard to capture the effect of word-of-mouth and house-to-house campaigns, he said.

Activists who helped oust Marcos 36 years ago fear Philippine history would be upended if his son takes over a country long seen as the Asian bulwark of democracy. Marcos Jr., a 64-year-old former senator, has defended his father's legacy and steadfastly refuses to acknowledge and apologize for the widespread abuses and plunder that scarred the Philippines during his martial law rule. Courts in the U.S. and the Philippines as well as government investigations have offered indisputable evidence of that period.

"My worst fear is the return of the Marcoses… because we will face global condemnation. People will be asking us, 'Haven't you learned? You said in '86 never again and now he's back. So what are you telling us?'" said Florencio Abad, a political detainee in the 1970s under Marcos who later served in top government posts after the dictator's downfall and now advises Robredo's campaign.

Robredo, 57, a former congresswoman and mother of three, is running independently and does not belong to any of the country's entrenched political dynasties and wealthy land-owning clans.

She has been cited for her integrity and simplicity in the poverty- and corruption-plagued Southeast Asian nation, where two presidents had been accused of plunder and overthrown, including the elder Marcos, who died in U.S. exile in 1989. A third was detained for nearly four years on a similar allegation but was eventually cleared.

Like her late husband, a respected politician who died in a plane crash in 2012, Robredo's appeal lies in shunning the trappings of power. As a congresswoman, she would regularly travel alone by bus from her province to the capital and back, often at night, using the long trip to sleep.

Aside from their electoral rivalry, Robredo and Marcos Jr. are on opposite sides of history.

As a student at the state-run University of the Philippines in the 1980s, Robredo had joined anti-Marcos protests that culminated in the 1986 democratic uprising.

In 2016, she narrowly defeated Marcos Jr. in a cliffhanger race for vice president in their first electoral faceoff. He waged a years-long and unsuccessful legal battle to invalidate her victory over alleged fraud and still refuses to concede.

Without the enormous logistics required for a presidential campaign, Robredo did not initially plan to seek the top post but changed her mind at the last minute last year after Marcos Jr. announced his candidacy, and talks to field a single opposition candidate fell apart. The emergence of campaign volunteers was a lifeline, according to her allies.

World

Evacuations is under way in Mariupol; Pelosi in Ukraine

AP

In this image released by the Ukrainian Presidential Press Office on Sunday, May 1, 2022, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, right, awards the Order of Princess Olga, the third grade, to U.S. Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi in Kyiv, Ukraine, Saturday, April 30, 2022.

ZAPORIZHZHIA, Ukraine (AP)—A long-awaited evacuation of civilians from a besieged steel plant in the Ukrainian city of Mariupol was under way Sunday, as U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi revealed that she visited Ukraine's president to show unflinching American support for the country's defense against Russia's invasion.

Video posted online by Ukrainian forces showed elderly women and mothers with small children bundled in winter clothing being helped as they climbed a steep pile of debris from the sprawling Azovstal steel plant's rubble, and then eventually boarded a bus.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said more than 100 civilians, primarily women and children, were expected to arrive in the Ukrainian-controlled city of Zaporizhzhia on Monday.

"Today, for the first time in all the days of the war, this vitally needed (humanitarian) corridor has started working," he said in a pre-recorded address published on his Telegram messaging app channel.

The Mariupol City Council said on Telegram that the evacuation of civilians from other parts of the city would begin Monday morning. People fleeing Russian-occupied areas in the past have described their vehicles being fired on, and Ukrainian officials have repeatedly accused Russian forces of shelling evacuation routes on which the two sides had agreed.

Later Sunday, one of the plant's defenders said Russian forces resumed shelling the plant as soon as the evacuation of a group of civilians was completed.

Denys Shlega, the commander of the 12th Operational Brigade of Ukraine's National Guard, said in a televised interview Sunday night that several hundred civilians remain trapped alongside nearly 500 wounded soldiers and "numerous" dead bodies.

"Several dozen small children are still in the bunkers underneath the plant," Shlega said. "We need one or two more rounds of evacuation."

Sviastoslav Palamar, deputy commander of the Azov Regiment, which is helping defend the steel plant, told The Associated Press in an interview from Mariupol on Sunday that it has been difficult even to reach some of the wounded inside the plant.

"There's rubble. We have no special equipment. It`s hard for soldiers to pick up slabs weighing tons only with their arms," he said. "We hear voices of people who are still alive" inside shattered buildings.

As many as 100,000 people may still be in blockaded Mariupol, including up to 1,000 civilians hunkered down with an estimated 2,000 Ukrainian fighters beneath the Soviet-era steel plant—the only part of the city not occupied by the Russians.

Mariupol, a port city on the Sea of Azov, is a key target because of its strategic location near the Crimea Peninsula, which Russia seized from Ukraine in 2014.

U.N. humanitarian spokesman Saviano Abreu said civilians who have been stranded for nearly two months at the plant would receive immediate humanitarian support, including psychological services, once they arrive in Zaporizhzhia, about 140 miles (230 kilometers) northwest of Mariupol.

Mariupol has seen some of the worst suffering. A maternity hospital was hit with a lethal Russian airstrike in the opening weeks of the war, and about 300 people were reported killed in the bombing of a theater where civilians were taking shelter.

A Doctors Without Borders team was at a reception center for displaced people in Zaporizhzhia, in preparation for the U.N. convoy's arrival. Stress, exhaustion and low food supplies have likely weakened civilians trapped underground at the plant.

Ukrainian regiment Deputy Commander Sviatoslav Palamar, meanwhile, called for the evacuation of wounded Ukrainian fighters as well as civilians. "We don't know why they are not taken away, and their evacuation to the territory controlled by Ukraine is not being discussed," he said in a video posted Saturday on the regiment's Telegram channel.

Overdrive

2023 Solterra
is the electric Subaru for Subaru people

By CASEY WILLIAMS
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

Subaru knows its people, who are among the most loyal to any automotive brand. They love their Outbacks, Foresters, Ascents and WRXs. They are also among the most environmentally conscious, dog-friendly, off-roading auto owners around. They take their kids to school and hike on the weekends. What they haven't had until now is an electric vehicle of their own. That changes with the 2023 Solterra that I just sampled in California.

A little background: The Solterra was co-developed with Toyota, which offers the similar bZ4X and Lexus RZ 450e. Manufacturing is by Toyota in Japan, rolling out of the plant better known for the Lexus LC supercoupe and legendary Toyota Supra sports car. It's the product of a thoroughly functional blended family.

Styling is more Toyota than Subaru with roof and pillars reminiscent of the RAV4, but Subaru clearly influenced final details. The front fascia outline echoes Subaru's trademark grille, and the black wheelwell cladding and C-shaped lighting elements are pure Subaru. The roof rack supports 700 lbs. of tent and campers should they want to go off-grid. Range-enhancing aerodynamics are enhanced by flow-through air blades in front, underbody tray and split hatch spoiler.

There's a lot of Toyota inside, too. The intuitive widescreen infotainment system could have come from a Tundra, but the flatscreen gauge cluster is placed high and deep for a heads-up effect. Seats come in cloth or Subaru's StarTex vegan leather that's easy to wash after a day in the brush. Storage abounds with the flybridge console, door cubbies, and roomy luggage compartment that's accessed through a power hatch.

Our test car was loaded like a Lexus with standard heated seats, Harman Kardon audio, panoramic sunroof, wireless and Apple CarPlay/Android Auto. A full suite of crash avoidance systems, marketed as part of Subaru's EyeSight suite, include automatic emergency braking front/rear, lane keep assist, and safe exit assist to keep passengers from stepping into traffic. One assumes the body structure is pretty stout as well, though we have yet to see final crash results.

Getting to the numbers that matter to EV enthusiasts, the Solterra can travel 222 miles per charge and replenish to 80% in an hour. The electric powertrain delivers 215 horsepower and 249 pound-feet. of torque—enough to whoosh from 0-60 mph in a spirited 6.5 seconds. It's not Tesla fast, but quick enough for a compact crossover. One-pedal driving engages regeneration early and often to maximize range and to ease city driving. It's also handy when flipping through curvy backroads, inducing the right amount of deceleration when you would normally downshift.

Our Solterra drive route left from a block from the beach in Santa Barbara—a perfect venue for testing urban and freeway driving. It's nearly silent, with only faint motor whine, whether slipping through traffic or surfing on-ramps. All that torque carried us through coastal mountains as if propelled by a swift sea breeze. The suspension is tuned for comfort over athletics, but it's completely competent unless you're into auto-crossing.

One expects an EV to excel in Southern California beach traffic, but might not imagine it scurrying up the side of mountains. A flight to Catalina, where we drove miles on unpaved roads and straight-up rough trails, proves it can. Class-leading 8.3 inches of ground clearance is no match for the Forester Wilderness that served as our escort, but Dual Function X-Mode with Grip Control used all of the electric torque to deftly power up the trails and creep down the other side. Apply power whenever and wherever you want with zero drama. It's simply enchanting.

Subaru clearly understands its customers and conjured an EV that will surely join many loyal owners' garages ... and attract new acolytes as well. A base price of $44,995 plus destination makes it one of the most expensive Subarus, but a $7,500 tax credit brings down the price considerably. The hardest part of owning a Solterra may be getting one as they're sure to be in short supply.

NUTS & BOLTS

- Five-passenger, AWD Crossover
- Powertrain: Li-ion batteries/motors
- Output: 215 hp/249 lb.-ft
- Suspension f/r: Ind/Ind
- Wheels f/r: 18"/18" alloy
- Brakes f/r: regen disc/disc
- Must-have features: Performance, Utility
- Driving range: 222 miles
- 0-60 mph: 6.5s
- Economy: 104 mpg-e
- Base price $44,995 (minus $7,500 fed credit)

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The 2023 Subaru Solterra, the first all-electric SUV from the automaker, comes standard with all-wheel drive.

MOTORMOUTH: Front brakes do most of the work

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Q: On an AWD vehicle, do front brake pads wear faster than rear brake pads since more weight is carried by the front wheels?

A: The front brakes on most cars wear faster than the rear brakes. It is not only because there is more weight in the front than in the rear. Roughly 80 percent of the stopping power is supplied by the front brakes. You have probably noticed that the front of the car dives a little under hard braking. At the same time, the rear of the car raises, taking some of the weight off the rear wheels. The front brakes are doing most of the work.

Q: Your answer to the 92-year-old who was told she prematurely needed brakes may not have been correct. When my dad was in his 70s, he was driving with one foot on the brake pedal at all times. I see quite a few drivers with brake lights glowing as they drive 45 on a 60 mph freeway. Perhaps those drivers are late in age. I can only imagine the damage to a brake system if that pedal was being pushed hard enough to engage braking while driving 5,400 miles.

A: Resting your foot on the brake pedal not only causes wear and tear on the brakes, but it also causes the engine control management system to drop out of closed loop operation. The computer thinks the car is stopping and the engine power is no longer needed.

Q: This is in regard to your article in the Hartford Courant. A writer questioned whether it was wise to run out the gas of his small tools when they were stored for the winter. You suggested adding Stabil (or its equivalent) to the gas instead. I totally agree! One thing you didn't mention was that some of the carburetors on the small gas engines have gaskets or diaphragms that go bad if they are exposed to air for any length of time. P.S. To be honest, I no longer use most of my old small gas-powered tools: They have been replaced with battery-operated tools. It would not break my heart to never deal with a small gas motor again.

A: You have company regarding the gaskets and diaphragms that may dry out and fail, but modern components are less prone (yet not infallible). I like battery powered stuff, too.

Q: Recently my fuel pump needed to be replaced. The mechanic also replaced one section of the preformed fuel line going to the fuel pump due to an updated design change. The day after I picked up the car, the check engine light went on. Codes say it is the gas cap, but repeatedly tightening the gas cap hasn't helped, despite filling the gas tank and multiple engines starts. The mechanic turned off the check engine light, but within a week it was back on. Is there any chance this is related to the fuel pump and fuel line replacement? Or is it all just coincidence?

A: Have you tried a new gas cap? Any leak in the evaporative emissions system, including the cap, will trigger the check engine light. Ask your mechanic to check all the connections he may have disturbed. Of course, I can't rule out just a coincidence.

Life & Style

The Judds, Ray Charles join the Country Music Hall of Fame

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—Ray Charles and The Judds joined the Country Music Hall of Fame on Sunday in a ceremony filled with tears, music and laughter, just a day after Naomi Judd died unexpectedly.

The loss of Naomi Judd altered the normally celebratory ceremony, but the music played on, as the genre's singers and musicians mourned the country legend while also celebrating the four inductees: The Judds, Ray Charles, Eddie Bayers and Pete Drake. Garth Brooks, Trisha Yearwood, Vince Gill and many more performed their hit songs.

Naomi and Wynonna Judd were among the most popular duos of the 1980s, scoring 14 No. 1 hits during their nearly three-decade career. On the eve of her induction, the family said in a statement to The Associated Press that Naomi Judd died at the age of 76 due to "the disease of mental illness."

Daughters Wynonna and Ashley Judd accepted the induction amid tears, holding onto each other and reciting a Bible verse together.

"I'm sorry that she couldn't hang on until today," Ashley Judd said of her mother to the crowd while crying. Wynonna Judd talked about the family gathering as they said goodbye to her and she and Ashley Judd recited Psalm 23.

"Though my heart is broken I will continue to sing," Wynonna Judd said.

Fans gathered outside the museum, drawn to a white floral bouquet outside the entrance and a small framed photo of Naomi Judd below. A single rose was laid on the ground.

Charles' induction showcased his genre-defying country releases, which demonstrated the genre's commercial appeal. The Georgia-born singer and piano player grew up listening to the Grand Ole Opry and in 1962 released "Modern Sounds in Country and Western Music," which became one of the best selling country releases of his era.

Blinded and orphaned at a young age, Charles is best known for R&B, gospel and soul, but his decision to record country music changed the way the world thought about the genre, expanding audiences in the Civil Rights era.

Charles' version of "I Can't Stop Loving You," spent five weeks on top of the Billboard 100 chart and remains one of his most popular songs. He died in 2004.

Brooks sang "Seven Spanish Angels," one of Charles' hits with Willie Nelson, while Bettye LaVette performed "I Can't Stop Loving You."

Country Music Hall of Famer Ronnie Milsap said he met Charles when he was a young singer and that others tried to imitate Charles, but no one could measure up.

"There was one of him and only one," said Milsap. "He sang country music like it should be sung."

'Bad Guys' repeats at No. 1, Liam Neeson's latest misfires

By JAKE COYLE
AP FILM WRITER

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This image released by DreamWorks Animation shows animated characters, foreground from left, Shark, voiced by Craig Robinson, Wolf, voiced by Sam Rockwell, Piranha, voiced by Anthony Ramos and Snake, voiced by Marc Maron in "The Bad Guys."

The DreamWorks animated heist movie "The Bad Guys" was the top film in U.S. and Canada theaters for the second straight weekend, according to studio estimates Sunday, while the latest Liam Neeson thriller suggested the actor's particular set of skills may be wearing thin with audiences.

"The Bad Guys," distributed by Universal Pictures, made $16.1 million in ticket sales in its second weekend, holding well with only a 33% drop from last weekend. The film, adapted from Aaron Blabey's kids' graphic novel, has helped reignite family moviegoing.

April moviegoing was largely dominated by Paramount Pictures' "Sonic the Hedgehog 2"—which stayed in second place with $11.4 million, bringing its cumulative total to $160.9 million—and "The Bad Guys," with $44.4 million in two weeks.

The latest Neeson thriller, "Memory," however, was mostly forgotten by moviegoers. The Open Road-Briarcliffe Entertainment R-rated release launched with an estimated $3.1 million in 2,555 locations. That's much in line with the last few films staring Neeson. In the past two years, "Blacklight" (a $3.5 million debut), "Honest Thief" ($4.1 million) and "The Marksman" ($3.1 million) all opened similarly.

The last Neeson thriller to make a dent was 2019's "Cold Pursuit," which debuted with $11 million and ultimately grossed $62.6 million worldwide. But either due to oversaturation or lackluster reception ("Memory" has a 30% "fresh" rating on Rotten Tomatoes"), a once dependable box-office force has gone cold.

"Neeson's pre-pandemic crime pics did well, including the successful 'Taken' series, but audiences are showing little interest now," David A. Gross, who runs the movie consultancy FranchiseRe, wrote in a newsletter. "Moviegoing activity is improving, but 'Memory,' as well as 'Blacklight' and 'The Marksman,' are hitting a wall."

The eighth-place "Memory" was the only new wide release on a quiet weekend in theaters ahead of the Friday release of Marvel's "Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness." The Walt Disney Co. release will effectively kick off Hollywood's summer season, one the industry is hoping will approach pre-pandemic levels.

Studios last week trumpeted their summer slates at the industry convention CinemaCon, raising expectations for big-budget films like "Top Gun: Maverick" and "Jurassic World Dominion."

The brightest spot in theaters currently continues to be "Everything Everywhere all at Once," which dropped just 2% in its sixth week of release with $5.5 million. The film, an existential metaverse action comedy starring Michelle Yeoh, has had unusually long legs in theaters, and with $35.5 million in sales so far, ranks as one of indie studio A24's biggest hits.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to Comscore. Final domestic figures will be released Monday.

1. **"The Bad Guys,"** $16.1 million.
2. **"Sonic the Hedgehog 2,"** $11.4 million.
3. **"Fantastic Beasts:** The Secrets of Dumbledore," $8.3 million.
4. **"The Northman,"** $6.3 million.
5. **"Everything Everywhere all at Once,"** $5.5 million.
6. **"The Unbearable Weight of Massive Talent,"** $3.9 million.
7. **"The Lost City,"** $3.9 million.
8. **"Memory,"** $3.1 million.
9. **"Father Stu,"** $2.2 million.
10. **"Morbius,"** $1.5 million.

First 'Jeopardy!' Gen Z super champ's streak hits 19 games

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Reigning "Jeopardy!" champion Mattea Roach represents a new generation of the quiz show's all-star players.

Roach

As of Friday, the 23-year-old Canadian has won 19 games and amassed $469,184 in prize money, putting her among the top 10 contestants for both consecutive victories and regular-season winnings in "Jeopardy!" history.

Roach, who begins her fifth week of competition Monday, is in the company of veteran standout players including Ken Jennings, who's currently hosting the show, and this season's champs Amy Schneider and Matt Amodio.

"The fact that I'm now one of the best players of all time hasn't fully sunk in yet. It doesn't really feel real," said Roach, the first Gen Zer to be dubbed a "super champion" by the show for achieving a double-digit string of wins. (Generation Z generally refers to those born from 1997 to 2012.)

A tutor for aspiring law school students, and perhaps one herself, she plays with a breezy confidence. Roach is relaxed enough to casually think out loud about her approach, as she did when she hit a crucial Double Jeopardy last Wednesday.

"You know what, if I wager a lot and lose today, like whatever, I had such a good run," Roach mused, then successfully wagered a hefty $8,000 and ended up taking the game from formidable challenger Ben Hsia of Fremont, California.

The category was anatomy, the clue was "To gently tease another person," and Roach's slightly exasperated response: "I should have wagered more. What is 'rib'?"

Man's true colors shock his longtime girlfriend

DEAR ABBY: I am a 58-year-old, never-married woman with a 22-year blue-collar career. I own a home and will retire with benefits many people dream of.

I've recently ended a relationship with a man I've known since childhood. I truly love him. The problem is that he had been stealing from me. I confronted him several times, but finally had to involve the police. Now, he has flattened my tires and repeatedly dented my cars.

My question is this: Is there more than one right person for everyone? How long will it take me to recover from a broken heart, if ever? His vandalism and my huge financial loss keep me away from this whack job. How well do you really know anyone?

DISILLUSIONED IN WASHINGTON

DEAR DISILLUSIONED: Inform the police that your ex-boyfriend is continuing to retaliate because you reported him. There is no timetable for healing from a broken heart, but take it from me, it DOES happen. I firmly believe there is more than one "right person" for everyone. You do not truly love HIM. What you love is the fantasy that he's the only right person for you.

We get to know the significant people in our lives—both male and female—by observing them over a long period of time and watching how they treat others. You should not keep your distance from this man only because of his vandalism and the money he has cost you, but also because he has anger problems he seems unable to control. Surely those character flaws showed themselves before he started acting out on you. Think back on the little things you may have chosen to ignore, and you may recognize that I'm right.

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DEAR ABBY: My wife and I married as teenagers 40 years ago. Our children are adults, and most people consider us a perfect couple. My wife has had several affairs over the years, some she has admitted to and others I have stumbled across. For the most part, they have been physical only, with no emotional attachment. Twenty years ago she had a passionate affair with a younger man. It ended when he broke it off to be with someone else. I didn't know about it at the time.

A year ago, she found out he's single again and invited him back into her life. Now, she's openly seeing him. She's telling me they are "just friends" and she "needs his company because only he understands her." I believe if he had a better job and financial outlook, she would leave me in a minute.

I can't stand the thought of losing the love of my life, but I also can't keep living with her knowing I play second fiddle in her heart. She refuses counseling because she doesn't see this as a problem. Should I give her more time (a year already) or file for divorce?

CONFUSED IN ILLINOIS

DEAR CONFUSED: You have given your wife enough time to come to her senses. You state that she refuses counseling and you believe she would leave you in a minute if he made more money. That means she is staying with you only because of the lifestyle you provide. I do think there should be some counseling—for YOU. It will provide insight and emotional support as you contemplate divorce.

DEAR ABBY

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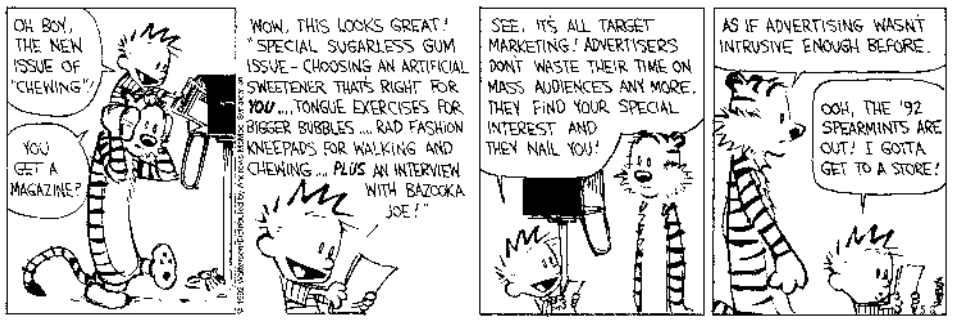
By Bill Waterson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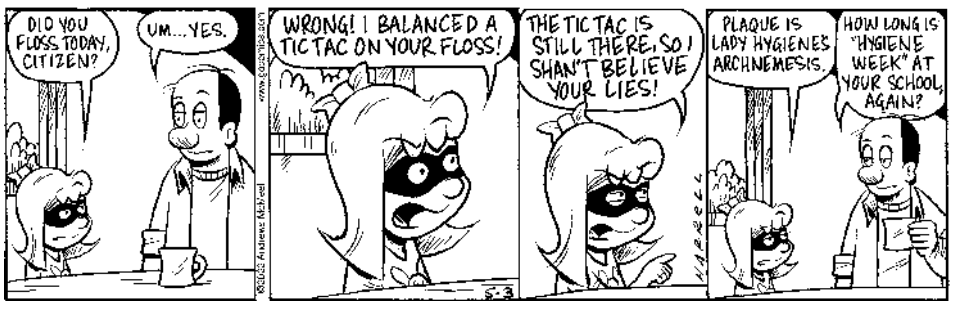
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HOW LONG IS "HYGIENE WEEK" AT YOUR SCHOOL, AGAIN?

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29 Once around the sun
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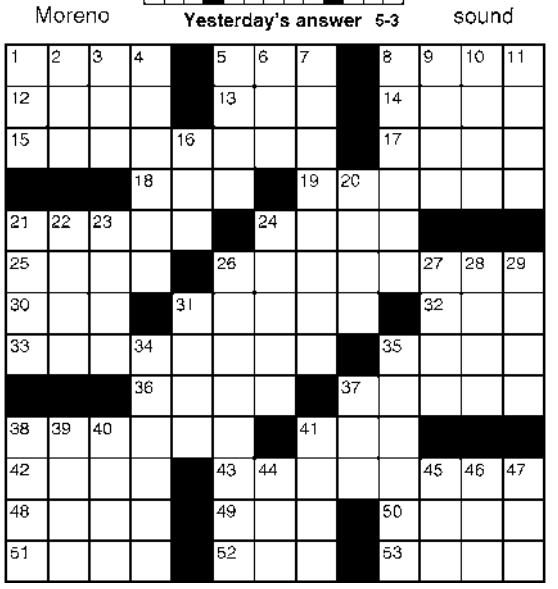

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Happy Birthday: Stop fidgeting; if you feel restless, make changes that challenge you to grow mentally and physically strengthen yourself. Take responsibility for your happiness and life. Stop dreaming and start manufacturing the life you want to live. Be smart, diverse and willing to go the distance to achieve what will boost your morale and encourage you to strive for perfection. Your numbers are 7, 12, 17, 29, 35, 41, 48.

ARIES *(March 21-April 19):* Follow the dots. Put your energy to good use, and it will help you control your emotions. Refuse to let others get to you with remarks or gestures. Go about your business, and let your accomplishments be your response. ✪✪✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20):* Take your turn. Stand up for your rights. Make yourself heard. Take the initiative to put your plans in motion. Make decisions and act on them because you feel passionate about the contributions you make, not because you are angry or seek revenge. ✪✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20):* Concentrate on what's doable, and stop worrying about things you cannot alter. A positive attitude will help you achieve what you set out to do and get you the backup required to keep interference at a safe distance. ✪✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22):* Don't scrimp when it comes to meaningful pursuits. Explore the possibilities and let your imagination run wild, but don't let your emotions spin out of control if someone gets in your way or doesn't come through for you. ✪✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22):* Spend time with people who stimulate your mind and offer an enlightening perspective on life, love and happiness. What you share will change how you think and help you choose a path that suits your situation. Self-improvement and personal growth are favored. ✪✪✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* Absorb what others say, and it will help you understand the best way to gain approval, respect and the help required to get what you want. Consider what you can do or change that is conducive to achieving your long-term plans. ✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* Stop dreaming and start doing. How you perceive situations and handle money will make a difference to the outcome. Cut your costs by doing for yourself instead of hiring someone to do things for you. A financial gain will ease stress. ✪✪✪✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* An unexpected change will work in your favor. Refuse to get overwhelmed by what you have no control over. Concentrate on the things and people who make you feel good about yourself. Try something new, and enjoy the moment. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* A low profile and patience will help you navigate your way through the ups and downs you encounter. Put more thought into how you look, your health and how you live. A couple of updates will be revitalizing. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* Take a walk down memory lane, attend a reunion or reach out to someone who brings out the best in you. Look for alternative ways to make the most with what you have, and the results will change your attitude and lifestyle. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):* Say no to changes that don't suit your needs, and do your own thing. Build a solid foundation for how you want to live your life and use your attributes to get ahead. Invest in your surroundings and future. ✪✪✪✪✪

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20):* Don't share secrets. Put your energy where it will do some good and make a difference in how things unfold for you financially. A change of heart will help clear up uncertainty and encourage you to do what's best for you. ✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are intelligent, expresses and persistent. You are productive and resourceful.

Birthday Baby: You are tactful, energetic and patient. You are colorful and witty. ✪: *Avoid conflicts; work behind the scenes.* ✪✪: *You can accomplish, but don't rely on others.* ✪✪✪: *Focus and you'll reach your goals.* ✪✪✪✪: *Aim high; start new projects.* ✪✪✪✪✪: *Nothing can stop you; go for gold.*

SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★★ 5/03

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Yesterday's Answer

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9	6	3	5	8	1	7	2	4
4	1	5	2	7	6	8	3	9

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By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

THE SAHARA DESERT Solution: 6 letters

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Yesterday's Answer: Address

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Warriors rally after Green ejected, beat Grizzlies in Game 1

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP)—Ja Morant and the Memphis Grizzlies have shown they can finish fourth quarters this postseason.

Well, the Golden State Warriors have been doing this for years, with the championships to prove it.

Klay Thompson hit a go-ahead 3-pointer with 36 seconds left, and the Warriors overcame Draymond Green's first-half ejection to edge the Grizzlies 117-116 on Sunday in Game 1 of the Western Conference semifinals.

"The core, we've got championship DNA, and we wanted to utilize that," Stephen Curry said. "At this stage, that's what it's all about. Never let go of the rope in terms of feeling like you're out of a game. Big win for us."

Jordan Poole led the Warriors with a career-high 31 points off the bench, hitting a playoff-best 5 of 10 3-pointers. Curry added 24 points, Andrew Wiggins had 17 and Thompson finished with 15.

Green was ejected for a flagrant foul just before halftime.

"We knew that was a tough break that didn't go our way and we were all kind of shocked by the decision, but we were confident and determined and the guys stayed with it," Warriors coach Steve Kerr.

Thompson missed both free throws with 6.7 seconds left, then Memphis won a jump ball before a timeout with 3.6 seconds remaining to set up the final play. The Grizzlies ran a play similar to Ja Morant's last-second layup to win Game 5 in the first round, but Morant's layup went off the backboard and over the rim.

"Ja to go make a play," Memphis coach Taylor Jenkins said of the final possession. "Got a great look. It just didn't happen to go in."

Morant added: "Klay hit a big-time 3, and I missed the layup."

Thompson helped defend Morant on the final drive, picking up when Gary Payton II was beaten. Thompson called it a "gut-check win" for a team that's been through so much the past couple years with injuries and missing the playoffs.

"In playoffs, all that matters is that final box-score score and handle business, but we're far from satisfied," Thompson said.

Morant finished with 34 points and 10 assists, and Jaren Jackson Jr. matched his season high with six 3-pointers and had a career-high 33 points as Memphis' first pair of teammates to score at least 30 in a playoff game. D'Anthony Melton added 14, and Brandon Clarke had 12.

AP

Golden State Warriors guard Klay Thompson (11) reacts after a win over the Memphis Grizzlies during Game 1 of a second-round NBA basketball playoff series Sunday, May 1, 2022, in Memphis, Tenn.

The Grizzlies finished their first-round series against Minnesota by coming back from double-digit deficits in their final three wins — the first team in NBA history to do that more than once in a postseason, let alone a series. They came in leading the NBA in the fourth with an average of 33 points and outscoring opponents by 10.3 points a game.

This time, they could only match the Warriors point for point in the period.

Memphis edged the Warriors out for the No. 2 seed in the West by tying the franchise record with 56 wins, and the Grizzlies also took three of four in the season series. Thompson only played one and Green two of those games and Curry three.

This was a rematch with role reversals from the 2015 semifinal the Warriors won as the younger team with Memphis led by experienced vets. This also was just the first time the Warriors started a conference semifinal on the road and third playoff series Golden State didn't start at home with Kerr as coach.

Bucks 101, Celtics 89

In Boston, Giannis Antetokounmpo had already picked up his dribble and spent half of a Eurostep when he realized he had nowhere to go with the ball.

Instead of attempting an off-balance shot or passing to a well-guarded teammate, the two-time NBA MVP flicked the ball high off the backboard, then followed it to the rim for a slam dunk.

"What did I see? I had the ball and I was like, 'Oh, crap. I'm going to get stuck,'" Antetokounmpo said after recording his second career postseason triple-double to lead the Milwaukee Bucks to a 101-89 victory over the Boston Celtics in Game 1 of their second-round series on Sunday.

"I threw it to the backboard," he said. "I'm lucky enough that God blessed me with the ability to jump. I had a good jump to go get it again and I was able to finish the play."

Antetokounmpo had 24 points, 13 rebounds and 12 assists as the defending NBA champions swiped home-court advantage in the best-of-seven series. (He does not get an assist for passing the ball to himself.)

"That's just pure talent, just pure instinct," Bucks coach Mike Budenholzer said. "He's a great player. He does things that are unique and special and timely. That's one of those plays where you're happy he's on our side."

Jrue Holiday had 25 points and 10 rebounds, and Bobby Portis had 15 points and 11 boards for the Bucks, who are back at the TD Garden for Game 2 on Tuesday night.

Jayson Tatum scored 21 and Jaylen Brown had 12 points, but the two Boston stars combined to shoot 10 for 31 in the game. Al Horford added 12 points and 10 rebounds for the Celtics, who fired up 50 3-pointers, making 18, and shot 33% from the floor as a team.

"Offensively, not our best night. I thought we guarded well enough," Celtics coach Ime Udoka said. "To lose a 12-point game when we shot so poorly bodes well for us. In a way it's good to get this dud out of the way, offensively."

After shutting down Kevin Durant and Kyrie Irving in a four-game sweep of the Brooklyn Nets, Boston couldn't stop Antetokounmpo -- even with green-haired Defensive Player of the Year Marcus Smart shaking off a shoulder injury.

Heat know that even without Embiid, 76ers will be challenge

MIAMI (AP)—In Miami Heat coach Erik Spoelstra's mind, the injury situation with Joel Embiid doesn't doom the Philadelphia 76ers.

He figures it'll only steel their resolve.

Clearly, the 76ers are not going to be a better team without Embiid, the scoring champion and MVP finalist currently sidelined by a right orbital fracture and mild concussion, injuries that have him officially ruled out for Game 1 and likely Game 2 as well. That said, the 76ers played the Heat once this season without Embiid — and won. They'll try to do it again Monday night when Philadelphia visits Miami in Game 1 of an Eastern Conference semifinal series.

"Whenever you're dealing with a team that has to change a little bit, that immediately gets them a built-in sense of urgency," Spoelstra said. "But again, what we're trying to accomplish, it is so difficult. When you approach it that way, that just puts you there to compete at a high level, the necessary level that is going to be required."

The Heat aren't exactly in perfect health, either. Jimmy Butler has been slowed by a sore knee, Tyler Herro caught a cold that turned into an upper-respiratory-type mess — but not COVID-19 — and PJ Tucker has been dealing with a calf issue. (All three expect to play Monday.) And Philadelphia native Kyle Lowry missed the last two games of the first-round series against Atlanta with a hamstring strain, so the Heat can't be certain when their point guard will be 100% again. He's been ruled out for Game 1.

"I think both rosters are going into this battle knowing that both sides got enough to get the job done," Butler said. "We've got a job to do. They've got a job to do. But I'm banking on the Miami Heat."

The 76ers don't need any hyperbole along the way to realizing that they can have success against Miami. They need only to pop in the tape from March 21.

Embiid didn't play that night. The 76ers didn't have James Harden, either. Didn't matter. Philadelphia outrebounded Miami 45-34, outscored the Heat 45-30 from 3-point range and pulled off a 113-106 win.

"Well, the biggest adjustment is we don't have Joel," 76ers coach Doc Rivers said, overstating the obvious for emphasis. "There's no good thing to it. But we did have one game without Joel against them and honestly, we won the game but I thought it was more than they looked at we didn't have Joel, I think James was out, so I think mentally that probably played a purpose in that game. That's not going to happen now. They don't care who we have on the floor."

The 76ers went 6-8 without Embiid this season. Plus, with Harden, the 76ers still have a player who is four years removed from being an MVP and two years removed from being a back-to-back-to-back scoring champion.

"Truth be told, it's just us figuring out what we can go to through the course of a game in the playoffs," Philadelphia forward Tobias Harris said. "It's always adapting and figure out how the other teams is playing, what they're taking away, what they're allowing, and for us to capitalize in that regard."

INSIDE THE NUMBERS

Only six players (Tyrese Maxey, Isaiah Joe and Harris for the 76ers; Tucker, Duncan Robinson and Max Strus for the Heat) played in all four Philadelphia-Miami games this season. The 76ers' defense was stellar, with Gabe Vincent (21.0 ppg in two games) the only Heat player to average more than 20. Team stats were incredibly close: Miami had slight edges in points (404-400) and assists (92-89), Philadelphia had the edge in rebounds (164-159). The 76ers shot 44.8%, Miami 44.6%.

TOP TWO

It's a matchup of two of the all-time winningest playoff coaches. Rivers (102 wins) is fourth on the NBA postseason list behind Phil Jackson (229), Pat Riley (171) and Gregg Popovich (170). Spoelstra (89) is eighth behind the top four, then Larry Brown (100), Red Auerbach (99) and Jerry Sloan (98). Fun fact: if Miami wins Games 1 and 2 of this series then Spoelstra would pass Riley — the Heat president and his boss — in playoff winning percentage.

HEAD-TO-HEAD

This is the third Miami-Philadelphia playoff series. The other two were first-round matchups: Miami won in five games in 2011, Philadelphia won in five games in 2018. Each team has two players remaining on the roster from that series —Embiid and Furkan Korkmaz for the 76ers, Olympic gold medalist Bam Adebayo and Udonis Haslem for the Heat.

CONSISTENT HARDEN

Home, road, it doesn't matter to Harden. His career splits are uncanny. For his career, he averages 24.9 points at home, 24.5 on the road. In home games, he's shot 44% from the field, 36% from 3-point range and 86% from the foul line. And on the road, he has the same percentages. But he's shot only 39% at Miami as a pro, his fourth-lowest road percentage behind Charlotte (37%), Boston (38%) and Indiana (38%).

FANDUEL SAYS

Embiid's injury has sent Philadelphia down to the longest shot left in the playoffs, according to FanDuel Sportsbook. The 76ers are the biggest underdog in any of the four conference semifinal series. As the East and West Final Fours were beginning Sunday, Miami was the second favorite (narrowly behind Boston) in the East and had the fourth-best odds for the NBA title behind Phoenix, Golden State and the Celtics.

Yankees push win streak to 9 straight behind Judge's 2 HRs

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—Aaron Judge homered twice to run his long-ball streak to three straight games, added the tying RBI in the seventh inning and helped the New York Yankees rally past the Kansas City Royals 6-4 on Sunday for their ninth straight win.

Judge has hit five home runs in his last five games and eight this season. His checked-swing groundout, which traveled about 30 feet, tied the game in the seventh after the Yankees had loaded the bases against Dylan Coleman (0-1) with nobody out. Josh Donaldson followed it with a go-ahead grounder that gave New York the lead for good.

Clarke Schmidt (2-2) pitched a scoreless inning in relief of Yankees starter Luis Severino. Aroldis Chapman left the tying run on base in the ninth inning to earn his sixth save on the year and 20th in a row.

The Yankees, riding the longest winning streak in the majors, improved to 16-6. It's only the fourth time since 1959 that the 27-time World Series champions have won at least 16 of their first 22 games.

Michael Taylor homered for Kansas City, which has lost eight of its last 10.

Angels 6, White Sox 5

In Chicago, Mike Trout homered, doubled and scored three runs, Michael Lorenzen pitched into the ninth inning and Los Angeles held off Chicago for its seventh win in eight games.

Shohei Ohtani had an RBI as the Angels' designated hitter. The two-way AL MVP went 0 for 3 and exited in the ninth inning because of tightness in his right groin. Manager Joe Maddon said Ohtani might have tweaked his groin running to first in the seventh inning on a grounder. The Japanese-born star said he expects to play Monday.

Trout walked in three other plate appearances. Andrew Velazquez and Jo Adell each doubled in a run and Anthony Rendon had an RBI as the Angels took a 6-0 lead.

Mets 10, Phillies 6

In New York, Dominic Smith went 4 for 4 with three RBIs to back an inconsistent Max Scherzer, and New York won its seventh straight series to begin the season by beating Philadelphia.

Jeff McNeil also had four of New York's 15 hits, and Starling Marte drove in three runs. The Mets took two of three in a weekend set. New York (16-7) had never won more than five straight series to start a season before this year.

Scherzer (4-0) struck out his first five batters for the first time in his career. He struck out nine and walked one in six innings. He gave up four runs and five hits.

Mariners 7, Marlins 3

In Miami, Logan Gilbert kept up his run of impressive starts, Julio Rodríguez hit his first major league homer and the Seattle ended Miami's seven-game winning streak.g

J.P. Crawford also homered, while Jesse Winker had three hits and two RBIs for the Mariners, who snapped a four-game skid.

Making his first start against an NL club, Gilbert (4-0) held the Marlins hitless until Jon Berti's two-out single in the fifth. The 24-year-old righty was lifted after allowing Brian Anderson's solo homer with two outs in the sixth. Gilbert allowed three hits, walked four and struck out five. He exited with a 0.64 ERA through five starts.

Rodríguez's three-run drive against Sandy Alcantara (2-1) landed on the left-center field walkway and made it 5-0 in the sixth. Alcantara allowed five runs, six hits, struck out six and walked four in 5 2/3 innings.

Dodgers 6, Tigers 3

In Los Angeles, Walker Buehler (3-1) pitched five scoreless innings and Los Angeles beat Detroit and overcame Miguel Cabrera's 503rd career home run and his first this season.

Cabrera hit a two-run homer off reliever Phil Bickford in the eighth inning to help the Tigers avoid the shutout. Cabrera, who got his 3,000th career hit last week, tied George Brett for 18th in major league history with 1,119 extra-base hits.

Dodgers pitchers combined to strike out 13 batters. Alex Vesia fanned the side in the seventh, and Bickford did the same in the eighth despite giving up Cabrera's homer. Craig Kimbrel earned his fourth save.

Jeimer Candelario hit a solo home run off Justin Bruihl in the ninth for the Tigers, who trailed 6-0 through seven innings and have lost seven of their last eight games.

Padres 5, Pirates 2

In Pittsburgh, Joe Musgrove struck out eight over seven solid innings and San Diego beat Pittsburgh in a game that was delayed 1 hour, 22 minutes at the start by a line of heavy rain showers.

It was Musgrove's second game with the Padres at PNC Park since being traded from Pittsburgh to San Diego after the 2020 season. He pitched three years for the Pirates. Musgrove (4-0) looked comfortable in his old stomping grounds, scattering seven hits while allowing just one run.

Taylor Rogers struck out two for his ninth save.

AP

New York Yankees' Aaron Judge celebrates as he crosses the plate after hitting a solo home run during the ninth inning of a baseball game against the Kansas City Royals Sunday, May 1, 2022, in Kansas City, Mo.

Blue Jays 3, Astros 2

In Toronto, Santiago Espinal drove in the go-ahead run with an RBI single in the seventh inning, Bo Bichette added a two-run homer and Toronto edged Houston.

Kevin Gausman (2-1) struck out a season-high 10 over seven innings to win his second straight decision as Toronto took two of three from Houston and has won nine of 12 overall. Gausman allowed two runs and six hits and has not walked a batter in 31 2/3 innings this season. According to MLB Stats on Twitter, Gausman is the first pitcher since Cy Young in 1906 to not walk a batter or allow a home run in five straight starts to begin a season (minimum 20 innings pitched).

Tim Mayza worked the eighth and Jordan Romano pitched around Kyle Tucker's one-out double in the ninth to earn his 11th save in 12 chances.

Cubs 2, Brewers 0

In Milwaukee, Marcus Stroman threw two-hit ball for seven innings, outpitching Cy Young Award winner Corbin Burnes and leading Chicago over Milwaukee.

Patrick Wisdom homered as the Cubs ended a four-game losing streak. They had been outscored 20-2 in dropping the first two games of the series at Milwaukee.

Stroman (1-3) earned his first win for his new team in his fifth start. Pitching on his 31st birthday, he struck out five and walked one. Rowan Wick got two outs in the eighth and David Robertson closed for his fifth save.

Rangers 7, Braves 3

In Arlington, Texas, Adolis Garcia highlighted a three-hit, four-RBI day with a bases-clearing triple in the third inning to help Texas beat Atlanta.

Taylor Hearn (1-2) allowed two runs on four hits and three walks in five innings for his first victory since Sept. 12 of last season.

The Rangers scored all seven runs in the first three innings to go 3-4 in a homestand against last year's World Series teams — 2-1 vs. Atlanta and 1-3 against Houston. The Braves have lost two straight for the fifth time this season, their longest losing streak.

Cardinals 7, Diamondbacks 5

In St. Louis, Harrison Bader and Nolan Arenado homered in the seventh inning to help St. Louis rally past Arizona and win for the third time in five games and salvage a split of the four-game series.

Jordan Luplow hit two homers for Arizona, and Nick Ahmed and Christian Walker also went deep.

The Cardinals trailed 5-3 before scoring four times in the seventh. Brendan Donovan had a run-scoring grounder, and Bader slammed a two-run shot off reliever Keynan Middleton ((0-1) to put the Cardinals up 6-5. One batter later, Arenado slammed his team-high sixth of the season. He had served a one-game suspension on Saturday for his part in an altercation against the New York Mets on Wednesday.

Nationals 11, Giants 5

In San Francisco, Yadiel Hernandez drove in a career-high five runs with three hits as Washington beat San Francisco.

Juan Soto also had three hits and scored three times for the Nationals. Washington's Lucius Fox got his first two hits in the majors after beginning his career 0 for 20.

Josiah Gray (3-2) allowed one hit in six innings, working around four walks while striking out three. The right-hander, part of the trade that sent Max Scherzer and Trea Turner to the Dodgers at the deadline last season, didn't allow a hit until Jason Krizan's two-out single in the fifth.

Alex Cobb (1-1), who was activated off the injured list before the game, took the loss.

Guardians 7, Athletics 3

In Oakland, Calif., Triston McKenzie threw 6 1/3 scoreless innings and Cleveland completed its first sweep in Oakland in 22 years.

Franmil Reyes, mired in a 1-for-27 slump entering the day, had a two-run single in the third when Cleveland scored four times to take control at 5-0. Andres Gimenez had two hits and an RBI, finishing 6 for 12 with six RBIs in the three-game series.

McKenzie (1-2) held the A's to three hits, struck out seven and walked one as Cleveland swept a series at the Oakland Coliseum for the first time since April 10-12, 2000.

The A's, who have lost six of their past eight, didn't advance a runner as far as third base until the seventh inning. James Kaprielian (0-1), making his season debut for Oakland after being sidelined by a shoulder injury, walked four and didn't make it out of the third.

Twins 9, Rays 3

In St. Petersburg, Fla., Jorge Polanco drove in four runs with a pair of doubles, Carlos Correa had his fourth straight game with multiple hits and Minnesota beat Tampa Bay.

The Twins broke out quickly for five runs in the first inning off Rays starter Josh Fleming (2-3) and coasted to their ninth win in 10 games. Byron Buxton homered for Minnesota.

Josh Winder (1-0) pitched six shutout innings in his first major league start for the Twins, giving up two hits and striking out seven.

Rockies 10, Reds 1

In Denver, Kyle Freeland tossed seven strong innings for his first win of the season and Colorado completed a series sweep of struggling Cincinnat

Brendan Rodgers broke out of a season-long slump with two hits and four RBIs, and C.J. Cron and Randal Grichuk homered for the Rockies.

Freeland (1-3), who signed a five-year, $64-million extension on April 19, allowed a run and four hits against a Cincinnati team that is off to its worst start in franchise history. The Reds (3-19) have lost six straight and 17 of their last 18.

Brandon Drury homered and doubled for the Reds, who surpassed the 2018 team that started 4-18. Reds starter Reiver Sanmartín (0-4) got only two outs before leaving after throwing 43 pitches.

Orioles 9, Red Sox 5

In Baltimore, Jordan Lyles pitched six gritty innings, Rougned Odor homered in a six-run sixth and Baltimore beat skidding Boston.

Anthony Santander had three RBIs for the Orioles, who took two of three from Boston. The Red Sox have lost nine of 12 to drop within a half-game of last-place Baltimore in the AL East.

Lyles (2-2) allowed one run and seven hits, striking out six, walking three and hitting a batter.

Red Sox starter Nick Pivetta (0-4) blanked the Orioles until the fifth, when they pounded the righty and two relievers for five hits and three runs. Boston is 1-11 in Pivetta's last 12 starts with seven straight defeats.

CNMI Tourism Month Fun Run on May14

In celebration of May Tourism Month, the Marianas Visitors Authority, in collaboration with the Office of the Governor, will hold the CNMI Tourism Month Fun Run on May 14, 2022.

The fun run course will start at Garapan Fishing Base and follow Saipan Beach Road Pathway to the Japanese tank at the Quartermaster Road intersection and back. The first wave of runners will start at 6:30am and the second wave at 7am. Registration is $10, and participants may register in person at the MVA office at San Jose or the Office of the Governor at Capitol Hill. Registration will also be available at 6am on run day at the starting line. Race proceeds will benefit the Diabetes Coalition and Run Saipan. Online registration will open shortly at https://raceroster.com/events/2022/60364/fit-to-lead-5k-cnmi-tourism-month-fun-run.

MVA

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres is joined by representatives of the Marianas Visitors Authority and tourism industry stakeholders on April 28, 2022, at the Office of the Governor in Saipan in proclamation May at CNMI Tourism Month.

The event will give a "CNMI Tourism Month/Fit to Lead" T-shirt to the first 300 participants. All participants will also receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win prizes.

"We're looking forward to a great fun run on May 14 and invite the community to come out and show their support for tourism, because tourism is everybody's business," said MVA managing director Priscilla M. Iakopo. "We're also excited to partner with the Office of the Governor this year in promoting the FIT-TO-LEAD Health and Wellness Campaign."

Participants are encouraged to wear tourist costumes during the 5K to win cash prizes.

Tourism Month kicked off with a proclamation signing ceremony last Thursday (April 28) at 10am at the Office of the Governor on Capitol Hill.

The MVA is also holding a student logo contest. Students in grades 9-12 are asked to incorporate the slogans "Marianas Tourism Month" and "Tourism is Everybody's Business" in their vision of the future of travel. Prizes are: $500 for first place, $200 for second place, and $100 for third place. Entries must be submitted with a parental consent form by 5pm on May 23, 2022. Rules and parental release forms are downloadable under Featured Events at www.facebook.com/VisitTheMarianasor at www.mymarianas.com.

The public will also have the chance to win Tourism Month T-shirts and gift cards by correctly answering tourism-related trivia questions on radio stations Power 99 (97.5 FM) and KCNM-KZMI (103.9 FM)and cable station KSPN2.

The general public is invited to join the Tourism Month Cleanup on Saturday, May 28, 2022, in Marpi. Participants will meet at 8am at the Last Command Post in Marpi.

On Rota, students of Sinapalo Elementary School will help beautify the island with a beach cleanup. Students will also be awarded cash prizes for painting tourist attractions on Rota throughout the month. Students of Dr. Rita Inos Jr./Sr. High School will receive a guided tour of historic sites.

Another site cleanup will be held on Tinian. Also on Tinian, island youth, tour guides, and industry frontline workers will be a Tourist for a Day on May 25 and 27, receiving a guided tour of the island to learn more about Tinian's tourist attractions. A photo contest highlighting the island's natural, historical and cultural attractions will also be held.

Further details on Tourism Month activities will be announced as confirmed. For more information, visit www.mymarianas.com, www.facebook.com/VisitTheMarianasor contact MVA Community Projects specialist Jack Aranda at 1.670.664.3200/1orcommunityprojects@mymarianas.com. ***(PR)***

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and the $500 cash prize. Joining Do it for the Pringles in the Top 5 are Agape 3's Enoch Zhuang and Barbara Wang (50:15), Takeru & Jack's Takeru Jim and Jack Raho (50:40), Agape's David Zhao and Serena Chen (51:13), and 50 Cents' Joe Villacrusis and Travis Spaeth (51:24).

KD The Real One not Kevin Durant's Kaithlynn Chavez and Denise Myers had the fastest time in the relay at 45:26.

"We know there are prizes for those who will meet time set, but we also challenged our runners to try to go for their best time and they did—although they got DQ. This was a fun race, and mentally challenging—something that we look forward to doing again. Thank you to Tan Holdings for this unique event and for allowing NMA to kick start your anniversary celebration," said NMA general secretary Robin Sapong, who was the race director and was assisted by NMI national team member and record holder Tania Tan.

$5K donation for athletes

Meanwhile, Tan Siu Lin Foundation, the charitable arm of Tan Holdings donated $5,000 to the NMA. Tan Holdings CEO Jerry Tan and TSL Foundation executive director Merlie Tolentino handed over the donation to Sapong, NMI Athletics team head coach Snyder, and Dela Cruz.

"We are grateful to NMA for taking the lead in holding this relay run as part of our anniversary celebration. NMA is one of the most active sports federations in the NMI and we acknowledge their continued efforts in developing our athletes and providing them opportunities to compete," Tan said.

NMA is preparing to compete in the 2022 Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games that will be held at the Oleai Sports Complex from June 17 to 25 and in the Oceania Athletics Championships, which Australia will be hosting from June 7 to 11.

"NMA has two big competitions coming up so we would like to support them. We wish the NMA team good luck for the Mini Games and the tournament in Australia and thanked them and other athletes for participating in our event," Tolentino said.

The Tan Holdings executive also acknowledged the volunteers for their assistance in the event and the management and staff of Saipan Vegas for the free use of the course.

For its part, NMA president Ray Tebuteb thanked Tan Holdings for supporting various programs in the community.

"The NMA extends its sincerest gratitude and appreciation to Tan Holdings for allowing us to take part in this celebration. The celebration is surely a testimony of Tan Holdings' commitment and dedication to our NMI family. Thank you for all the positive deeds you've conveyed to our Commonwealth as amplified by your many community programs," Tebuteb said. ***(PR)***

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overwhelming 670 Gravity, 100-78. The latter surprised the CNMI national basketball team pool in the opening 10 minutes of the contest to take a 19-16 lead.

However, that would prove the only silver lining for 670 Gravity as it only woke Team Marianas up from their slumber as they proceeded to wipe the floor clean of their opponents in the succeeding three quarters.

With Shane Deleon Guerrero and Ervin Villarin combining for 15 points, Team Marianas quickly established a double-digit lead and entered the half ahead by a whopping 21 points, 53-32.

It would only go from bad to worse for 670 Gravity at the start of the second half as more Team Marianas players joined the scoring party and the lead ballooned to 24 points going into the third and final quarter. It was all she wrote as the fourth quarter ensued with the eventual winners closing with the 22-point win.

Chioni Dela Cruz was on target all game long to finish with 26 points to lead six Team Marianas players in double digits. Ronald Bernardo was the lone bright spot for 670 Gravity as he came away with a game-high 33 markers.

In the nightcap, Blue Haus escaped JTM by the skin of their teeth when Brandon Talania made two of four charities inside the last 20 seconds to preserve an 84-81 victory. JTM came within a point of Blue Haus' lead with less than 2 minutes left in the contest. But Talania was fouled and made his first before misfiring on the second.

Luckily for Blue Haus bull-strong Junar Guiab was able collect the rebound and after a hot potato moment the spheroid went back to Talania and he was fouled anew with less than 4 seconds left on the clock. He made one out of two again and JTM wasn't able to connect on a 3-pointer to possibly send the game into overtime.

Elmer Esdrelon found the fountain of youth with his game-high 19 points. Talania and Ivan Devero added 14 apiece, while Ehrol Peredo and Guiab fired 11 each for food measure. Frank Ferrer paced JTM's losing cause with 18 points.

Earlier in the week, The Game beat HBR International and Lakay/Islander defeated Paradise Realty to advance to the semifinals. The two will play in the 8pm second game on Thursday. It will be preceded by the Blue Haus-Team Marianas semis encounter at 7pm. Both matches will be held at the at the Gillette Multi-Purpose Gymnasium.

First Game

Team Marianas 100 – Dela Cruz 26, Castro 15, Villarin 13, Sablan 12, Aranda 12, Deleon Guerrero 11, Augenbaugh 8, Harson 2.

670 Gravity 78 – Bernardo 33, Torres 17, Macaraig 8, Agustin 8, Gaviola 4, Solis 4, Castillo 1.

Scoring by quarters: 16-19, 53-32, 79-55, 100-78.

Second Game

Blue Haus 84 – Esdrelon 19, Talania 14, Devero 14, Peredo 11, Guiab 11, De Dios 10, Bernardo 2, Santos 2.

JTM 81 – Ferrer 18, Directo 13, Gontar 12, Rodrriguez 8, Bayna 6, Demonteverde 5, Broncano 4, Dancel 4, Chua 3, Robiero 1.

Scoring by quarters: 15-18, 39-40, 64-57, 84-81.

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12, 14, 16, and 18.

Timothy Hubert and Stussy Shiroma were one shot back of the winning pair with their 10-under 62 to settle for second place. They started out slow with a 3-under 33 in the front nine before making a searing comeback with a 7-under 29 in the back nine. In all, Hubert and Shiroma had eight birdies and a double birdie in hole No. 16.

The father-and-son tandem of Joe "Kamikaze" and Xerxes Camacho completed the Top 3 with a 9-under 63. They started with a 4-under 32 in the first nine holes with birdies on holes No. 3 and 9 and a double birdie on hole No. 5. They improved a bit in the latter holes with a 5-under 31, including birdies in holes No. 11, 13, and 18 plus another double birdie in hole No. 16.

The win was worth $800 for Park and Kang, while Hubert and Shiroma received $650. The Camachos pocketed $500.

In the black jack double peoria division, Amier Younis and Dominic Kieffer beat all comers with a net score of 68.80. They were followed by the net 70 of Chris Groves and Matt Deets, while third place went to Zhi Yun Li and Feng Chun Jin with their 70.20. The Top 3 winners of the double peoria division went home with the same cash prizes as the low gross winners.

In the optional play, Hubert got the aggressive drive on No. 12. Joseph Muña won the closest to the pin on hole No. 3 when his ball landed 8 inches from the cup. Shiroma was without peer in hole No. 12 with an approach shot a mere 4 feet and 5 ½ inches from the flag, while Garrett Christley took the victory on hole No. 17 when his be-dimpled ball came 2 feet and 8 inches of the hole.

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Amier Younis and Dominic Kieffer pose with Saipan Chamber of Commerce officials after receiving their first place check after topping the double peoria division of the 2022 Saipan Chamber of Commerce Annual Golf Tournament last Saturday at the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort.

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Tan Holdings, NMA team up for unique relay

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Participants in the Tan Holdings 50 Anniversary 10K Invitational Relay Run head out to the Saipan golf course after Tan Holdings CEO Jerry Tan signals the start of the unique race last Saturday. Below, Northern Marianas Athletics general secretary Robin Sapong, fourth left, receives the $5,000 donation from the Tan Siu Lin Foundation during a turnover ceremony before the start of the Tan Holdings 50 Anniversary 10K Invitational Relay Run last Saturday at the Saipan golf course. Joining Sapong in the photo are NMI athlete Edward Dela Cruz, TSL Foundation executive director Merlie Tolentino, athlete Denise Myers, coach Ron Snyder, and Tan Holdings CEO Jerry Tan.

Tan Holdings and Northern Marianas Athletics completed the first-of-a-kind relay race in the NMI with the staging of the Tan Holdings 50 Anniversary 10K Relay Run last Saturday at the Saipan golf course.

Nearly 80 runners joined the race, which challenged teams to complete the two-loop course between 50 minutes and 59:59 to be eligible for the Top 5 award. The two-person teams headed out to the Saipan Vegas-owned course without a timing device, which is usually a must for runners.

"It was a fun concept, a first for us, and we enjoyed it, as it challenged us to work on our pace," said Edward Dela Cruz, Run Saipan president and one of the runners that joined the morning race.

"Unfortunately, we still ran too fast as well as the 16 other teams that got DQ," added Dela Cruz, who teamed up with Dr. Ron Snyder and their squad named Robin's Angels crossed the finish line at the 49:09 mark.

Do it for the Pringles' Jenny Chhea and Marjorie Daria met the required time, as they clocked in at 50:09 to take the top award

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Park, Kang top low gross of Chamber golf

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Joung Hoon Park and Sang Ho Kang topped the low gross division of the 2022 Saipan Chamber of Commerce Annual Golf Tournament last Saturday at the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort.

Park and Kang shot an 11-under per 61 in the two-person scramble format. The duo fired a 6-under 30 in the first nine holes spiked with birdies in holes No. 1, 2, 5, 8, and 9. They were off one in hole in the last nine with a 5-under 31 with birdies in No.

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Team Marianas, Blue Haus advance to open Final Four

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Team Marianas and Blue Haus posted contrasting wins to join The Game and Lakay/Islander in the Final Four cast of the open division of the Inaugural SCLC Basketball League last Friday at the Gillette Multi-Purpose Gymnasium in Gualo Rai.

In the first game, Team Marianas overcame a shaky first quarter before eventually

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Team Marianas' Chino Dela Cruz, seen here in a file photo against JTM, scored 26 points against 670 Gravity in their open division match of the Inaugural SCLC Basketball League last Friday at the Gillette Multi-Purpose Gymnasium in Gualo Rai.